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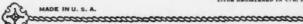
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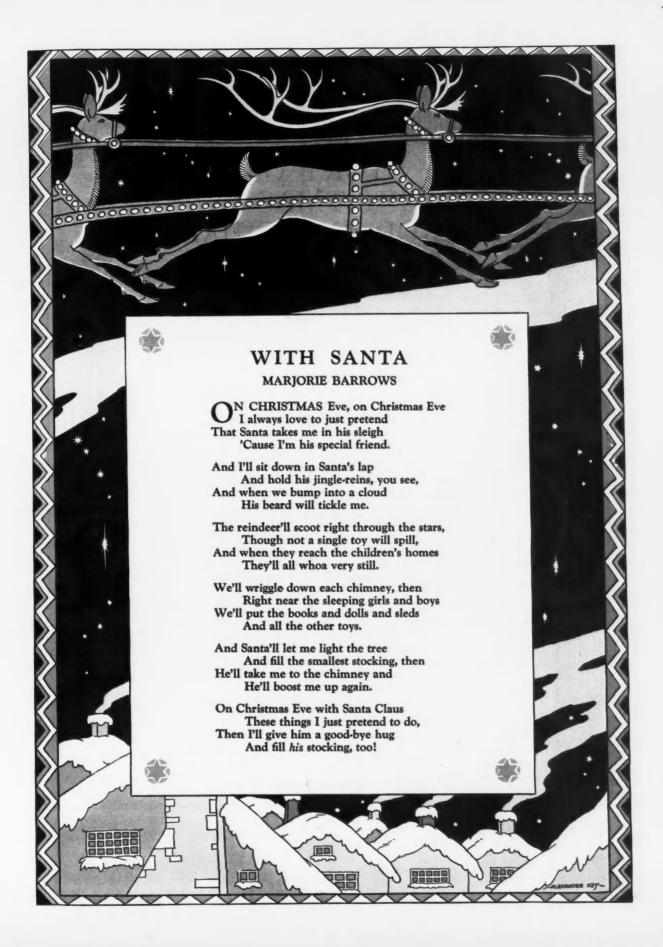
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STORY OF CHRISTMAS IN CAROL AND CHIME

By HENRY PURMORT EAMES

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"I pray you all that may be here For to sing and make good cheer, In the worship of God this year. Tyrle, tyrle, so merrily the shepherds began to blow."

Believe it or not, children, I get as excited as you do when I can count the days until Christmas. Only twenty-four December days, and then-I'll be repeating to my own children:

"'Twas the night before Christmas When all through the house Not a creature was stirring. Not even a mouse . . .

My parents recited this bestknown of Christmas poems every Christmas eve, and a host of American fathers and mothers recite it to their children, as I do to mine. Just to think of Christmas Eve with the stockings-little

and bighanging by the fireplace and front door knobs (so as to be handy for Santa Claus. or at least for his spirit of love), gives me the happy shivers and the feeling that I must ring out the joys of Christmas away ahead of schedule.

For nineteen hundred and twentv-nine years the birth of the Holy Babe, Jesus, has been celebrated throughout Christendom by the singing of Christmas carols and the ringing of Christmas bells. The very word carol means a song of praise, and for over six hundred years English speaking people have used this word to express the Christmas spirit. When a whole country or city is rejoicing over a victory or a special blessing there is a custom, hundreds of years old, of ringing bells. One poet said: "Hear the sledges with the bells-Silver bells.

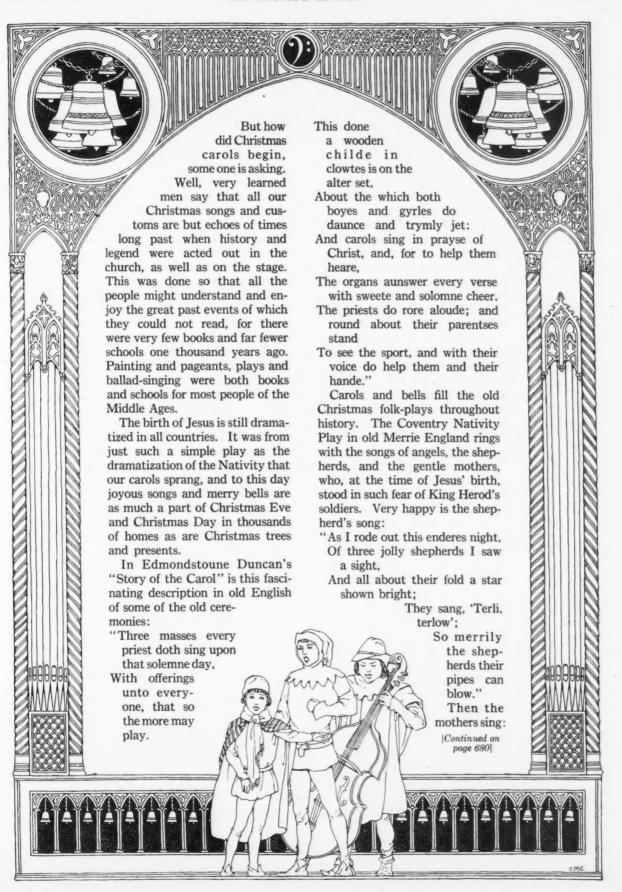
What a world of merriment this melody foretells.

How they twinkle, twinkle, twinkle,

In the icy air of night. While the stars that often sprinkle twinkle

All the heavens, seem to With a crystalline delight."





THE * DISAPPEARANCE * OF * MISS * COLUMBIA

BY FRANCES CAVANAH

Author of "The Treasure of Belden Place," etc

PART I

T WAS the day before Christmas at Fair Oaks, the little farm nestling among the clustering hills of western Maryland. And what a Christmas Eve it was, thought Sarah Sterling ruefully, as she brushed aside the tears that she might see where to place the raisin eyes of the gingerbread man that she was making. Last year at this time Father had already brought in the cedar tree and Mother was trimming it with gleaming strings of corn. She had been busy wrapping up a present for each of the small darkies on the place, children of the faithful black slaves who tilled the land. This year they were too hard pressed for money to think of that and Father was away, as he said, helping the President make history. He was not even to spend Christmas with them but must stay with his regiment, which at the close of 1861 was guarding the Union forts on the Potomac.

"Well, Teaser, at least the pickaninnies shall have their gingerbread men," said Sarah, addressing the little yellow and white ball asleep before the kitchen fireplace. The shepherd puppy unwound himself and stretched and eyed her wistfully, as she popped her pan into the oven. She tossed him the expected scrap of gingerbread, and he gulped it eagerly and waited for another.

"And if there won't be any music at the church to-night, I reckon I know some carols of my own,"

"Who said anything about a duet?" she asked. Teaser subsided into a shamed silence, and his little mistress took up the song again:

"From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold—"

Bang! The great knocker on the front door boomed another interruption. Sarah dried her hands on her apron and went to answer it, with Teaser trotting at her heels. A Union officer stood on the porch, the gold buttons of his uniform flashing in the winter sunshine and his arms piled high with bundles.

Sarah gave one startled gasp. "Father!" she cried, and an instant later, he was somehow holding her and the bundles, too. Mrs. Sterling heard the confusion and rushed down stairs; and it was with some difficulty that he finally freed himself from their embrace and laid his packages on the marble-top table in the parlor.

"Look-a-here! If a few of you wives and children and puppies will stop hanging on my neck and yipping at my heels and give a hungry man a bite to eat, I'll explain how I happen to be here."

Sarah made him a laughing curtsy as she led the way into the kitchen. "I'll get you a snack, Lieutenant Sterling, but it won't be the feast you would have had if we had known that you were coming."



nicest Christmas present you could bring me."

"You may change your mind about that when you unwrap one of those packages in there on the table." His eyes followed her approvingly as she moved about the kitchen preparing his bacon and corn dodgers. "Doesn't my Sarah look grand in that newfangled garb of hers?"

Sarah tossed her dark braids, flaunting at the ends bright bows of red.

"Oh, these Garibaldi blouses are quite the rage, Father," she explained, proudly conscious of her full skirt with its wide dark band, and the red blouse patterned after those worn by the Italian soldiers. "Which would you rather have—peach preserves or apple butter?"

"Well, if you want to know how much I don't like hardtack, suppose you try me on some apple butter and homemade bread."

About his promotion Captain Sterling had very little to tell them, except that "there had been a little skirmish on the river the other night." Perhaps he had been rather brave, as they insisted, but he had been in a tight place and there were only two things that he could do—be brave or be a coward. After thinking it over—those Confederate chaps hadn't given him much time—he had decided that Sarah would want him to be brave. As a result, his colonel had recommended that he be rewarded with a captain's commission.

Mrs. Sterling smiled tenderly at his laughing account—smiled with tears in her eyes—for she guessed, as did Sarah, that real heroism in the face of great danger had won him the promotion.

About his leave of absence he was more specific. "The colonel seemed in the mood for doing me favors after the fireworks the other night, and when he found out I had some business to transact down here, he said I might have two days off to kiss Sarah and to sell my land."

"Sell your land?" His wife's voice was troubled as she looked out over the broad acres that had been handed down from father to son since the first



George Sterling had settled in Frederick County in 1732.

"Just the east twenty—the plot that adjoins neighbor Mackey's farm. He was down to see me at camp the other day and wants to buy."

"Must we sell, George?"

"Well, we need money mighty bad, and we either have to sell some land or sell some slaves."

Sarah's dark eyes grew round with fright. Ever since she could remember she had lived in dread of the day when they must sell one of their faithful servants. Money was often scarce on the Maryland plantations, and as the number of slaves grew the debts accumulated in order to maintain them. To men like Captain Sterling who were unwilling to sell their blacks to unknown masters, who might or might not be kind to them, the problem was often a distressing one. Slavery, Sarah had heard her father say, was an unwanted inheritance from the past, which was a curse alike to owner and to slave.

"George," said Mrs. Sterling softly, "I wish that we could give the slaves their freedom."

"I'm glad to hear you say that." Captain Sterling's eyes were tender, and Sarah's heart gave a quick, glad leap within her breast. All the Christmas carols she had ever learned were calling to be sung, and with her hands clasped to her heart, she seemed to crush their beauty and their sweetness to her, as she sat there listening to Father's quiet words.

"We can talk about secession and state's rights all we want to; but, though many of us don't realize it yet, the real, underlying cause of this war is slavery. Somehow I don't feel right, fighting for the Union on the one hand, while at home I'm keeping men in bondage."

"The slaves all love you, Father."

"Yes, I know we're good to them, and so are many of the Confederate masters. They're sincere when they argue that slavery is right. But it's not



right—our Declaration says that all men are created equal—and I don't want to feel that I, a Union officer, own another human being."

"If we sell the east twenty, can we really give the slaves their freedom?"

"Yes, Sarah. It shall be our Christmas gift to them."

When Sarah opened the parlor door next morning, she found a cedar tree alight with candles, and sitting among the branches was Miss Columbia. She knew the moment she looked at the new china doll that this must be her name, for she wore a red and white checked silk dress over a white guimpe, and through her sash of red, white and blue ribbon was thrust the staff of a tiny American flag.

"She's so patriotic looking, Father, that no other name would suit." The doll smiled up at Sarah with her painted smile, and Sarah hugged her close. "Just look at her pretty painted hair, and her little painted hands and feet. She's the most beautiful doll I ever had. Don't you think so, Teaser?"

The puppy sniffed inquiringly and licked one painted cheek. He evidently liked the taste of it, because he licked the other. Sarah grabbed the doll and put her on the whatnot beyond his reach, and he stood on his hind legs and pawed the air in protest

When Sarah had played with the tree all morning, her father

picked it up to take down to Uncle Mose's cabin, where the slave children could enjoy it. Sarah carried a basket of goodies on her arm, and in the basket was a gingerbread man for each small darky boy and a gingerbread lady for each small darky girl.

"Mehercule, what's that?" Captain Sterling paused outside the kitchen door, as the strains of a weird Negro melody, pitched in high childish voices, came to his ears.

"Oh, that's just Conundrum," said Sarah.

"Conundrum!" Captain Sterling chuckled.
"I don't believe Mammy Chloe ever knew the meaning of any of the fancy names she gave her children, but she certainly hit the nail

on the head when she called that young pickaninny Conundrum. You never can guess what he is going to do next."

Up the path there came a strange procession—nine young darkies of all assorted sizes, their heads bowed and following in the wake of a ten-year-old boy who led the singing and bore aloft in his hands a wooden box. "Hello!" said Captain Sterling and brought them to a halt.

The small leader showed his white teeth in a grin. "Howdy, Massa," he said, and "Howdy, Massa," echoed the other pickaninnies.

"Why the doleful chant on Christmas morning?"

"Ah ain't done nothin' wrong, Marse George,"

Conundrum protested. "I'se jes' a-practicing,"

"Practicing what?"

"I'se a-gwine to be a praise leadah."

"Yes, Father, a colored preacher, like Uncle Mose," Sarah explained. "He's always practicing sermons, and the other day he put the hen and the rooster in the hen coop and practiced marrying them."

Captain Sterling turned hastily away and muffled a series of coughs in his handkerchief. Sarah suspected he was laughing, but the row of darkies regarded him with wide, grave eyes. "And what are you practicing this time?" he asked.

"One of de chicken's daid, and we's havin' a buryin'." Conundrum indicated the box, now lowered to the ground.

"Oh, I see. And you're going to preach the funeral?"

"Yes, Massa. I'se right good at preachin'."

At any other time the little darkies would have agreed with him: but to-day, after one sniff of the basket, the mourners turned and followed Sarah. Conundrum also had a whiff and turned and followed. too. It was fortunate for four of them that they did, for when they reached the circle of cabins, Mammy Chloe was starting out to hunt for her own brood with a shingle.

"Come now, Mammy Chloe, put that away," was Captain Sterling's greeting, as he set down the glittering tree beside the door. "Sarah has some goodies for you and a piece of news that will be the best Christmas gift you've had."

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PICCOLA





INTRODUCING

SANTA CLAUS, dressed in conventional red.

MISS SNIFFLES, Santa's secretary.

SANTA THE THIRD, Santa's grandson, still with a curly bob and babvish clothes.

RAG DOLL.

WOODEN SOLDIER.

Jоско, a Jack-in-the-Box, dressed like a clown.

SAILOR DOLL.

BROWNIES AND MISTLETOE FAIRIES (who dress in pale green

and silver), as many as you want.

WHAT YOU SEE WHEN THE CURTAIN GOES UP: A room in Santa's home, strewn with boxes of toys. A Christmas tree with just a few toys on it stands a little to the right, around which are grouped a phonograph and four life-size toys—the Rag Doll, Wooden Soldier, the Sailor Doll and the box containing the Jack-in-the-Box. Over at the right is Santa's desk and Miss Sniffles' typewriter table. On Santa's desk stands a small potted Christmas tree hung with small candy canes.

There are two doors—one at the left and one at the right. Every now and then a brownie passes through from right to left across the stage, carrying a pack of toys. But no one

pays any attention to brownies in this house.

As the curtain rises, Jocko pops his head up out of the box and blows a whistle. Instantly the life-size toys begin to yawn, stretch and open their eyes. Then the Wooden Soldier walks stiffly over to the phonograph, puts on the Chauve Sauris record of "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" and begins to mark time. Jocko bobs up and down in his box and the Doll and Sailor line up behind the Soldier and start a two-minute drill, marching in and out among the toy boxes. Sometimes they walk backwards, sometimes they jump rhythmically, sometimes they stand still and yawn in time (closing their eyes, as they open wide their jaws), and sometimes they line up and do setting up exercises, following their soldier leader. Jocko does his from his box. The Soldier and Sailor walk stiff-legged (the sailor with knees bent), the rag doll throws

her legs around loosely and sometimes loses a beat at which the soldier gives her a dreadful frown. All wear silly woodeny expressions. Jocko (as music stops): There, we all feel more limber now and ready for Christmas! (Holds hands to his ear and listens) Hello! Here comes Santa. [He whistles and all group themselves limply around the tree again and his own head disappears inside his big box.]

Santa (hurrying in from the right, carrying some letters and consulting his watch): Dunder and Blitzen, but it's getting late and I've still some letters to dictate! (Goes to door at right and calls) Miss Sniffles, oh, Miss Sniffles! Will you please take some letters! [He sits down with a sigh and puts his feet on the desk, but takes them off hurriedly as Miss Sniffles enters at right with stenographer's note book and seats herself at the typewriting table.]

MISS SNIFFLES: Ready, sir? [She sniffs.] I'm ready, sir. [She sniffs again.] Waiting, sir. . . .

SANTA: Yes, yes-Dear Mrs. Brown:

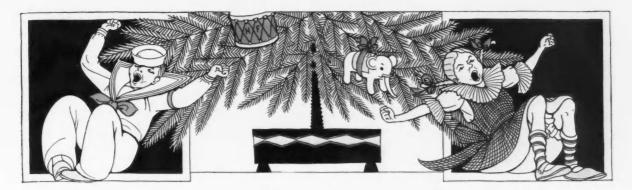
I'm sorry you mislaid Bobby's letter, so he couldn't place his order with me in time. This year there were so many good children that, though we all worked overtime, there are just enough toys to go around. Bobby will have to go without this year, unless you can make him something yourself. Give him my love and tell him to let me know his wants next year in time.

Very truly yours,

S. CLAUS, ESQUIRE,
North Pole,
Christmas 1929
Please send that to
Mrs. Robert C.
Brown, Bellevue







Place, Evanston, Ill. Send it airmail, special delivery.

MISS SNIFFLES (sniffing): Yes, sir.

SANTA (studying list): Too bad, Miss Sniffles, to have to disappoint any good child. Bobby wanted a ball, a drum, a wooden soldier and sailor and most of all a Jack-in-the-Box. And that— [He breaks off as SANTA III enters at the right, holding a sheet of paper.]

SANTA III (running up and kissing SANTA): Please, Grandpa, I made another Christmas list, so you'd be sure to remember—you know!

SANTA: The Jack-in-the-box? And all those other toys? Yes, I remember, sonny. But are you sure you are a good enough boy for all that?

SANTA III (hesitatingly): I've eaten all my spinach and drunk all my milk, and picked up all my things, and helped you, besides!

SANTA (still looking doubtful): Seems to me you had a P. S. on your letter. What was it you wanted, now?

SANTA III (looking around anxiously and whispering in SANTA'S ear loud enough for us to hear, too): I'm big now, Grandpa—big enough for regular bigboy clothes. And I want a regular boy hair cut aw'fly.

SANTA (shaking his head): Pretty young for all that, Sonny. Seems to me I heard someone squealing in his bath last night when Grandma was scrubbing his ears.

SANTA III (hanging his head): I'll try not to next time.

SANTA: And somebody was silly enough to be afraid

of the nice friendly dark, too. No, better wait till you act older before you dress older.

SANTA III (sliding off his lap): Oh de—ar! [He bites his lip manfully and goes to the door at right, but turns before going out) Grandpa?

SANTA (deep in another letter): Yes, Sonny?

SANTA III: Please will you give me Jocko, even if you don't give me the other toys I asked for. I just love that Jack-in-the-box!

SANTA: Run along now, we'll see, we'll see. [SANTA III goes out at left.] Bless the child—of course I'll give him Jocko. But it's queer isn't it, Miss Sniffles, he wants just the same things that young Bobby Brown wanted, except for the clothes and hair cut!

MISS SNIFFLES (firmly): He's much too young for those. [She sniffs again.]

SANTA: I'm afraid so. (Hands her some letters) Now if you'll just answer these yourself. Regular polite refusal, you know. I can't give Christmas tree speeches at all those Christmas entertainments. I can't be everywhere at once. Tell them I'll send along one of my helpers, though, that wears the regular whiskers and all—the kind children see on street corners just before Christmas, collecting pennies for poor children's dinners. Now, I must go and help glue on all those doll wigs and paint the rest of the drums. Heigh-ho! [He goes off at the left.]

MISS SNIFFLES (typing): Well, I'd better clear

these off. [She sniffs, and a moment later she goes out at the left.]

[When the stage is quiet again, Jocko's head bobs up, he whistles and







the other toys awaken. SANTA III tiptoes back in from the left and hides behind the desk.

Jocko: Did you hear that? Did you hear that? O, goody, goody, goody! [He claps his hands jerkily.]

WOODEN SOLDIER (woodenly): Hear what?

JOCKO: I heard Santa say he is going to give me to Sonny! [SANTA III from behind the desk claps his hands gently.] I won't have to leave my dear chum Santa the Third! Goody! Goody! [He claps his hands again.]

WOODEN SOLDIER: I think Sailor and I belong with him, too.

JOCKO: Yes, but he didn't help make you the

way he did me. That's why we're such pals! Too bad about Bobby Brown, though; he sent in his letter too late and won't get any toys this year.

ALL: Too bad! He wanted just the same things Sonny did, too.

RAG DOLL: I'm wishing for a nice mother to cuddle me! Jingle bells! It's nearly Christmas now, and we'll soon have to part. Isn't it thrilling? Let's sing farewell songs. I'll sing the first one! [As the toys sing with Jocko bobbing up and down in his box, SANTA III keeps peeking at them from behind his desk.]

RAG DOLL (dancing around floppily and waving her hands to the toys, as she sings to the tune of "Goodnight Ladies"):

Good-bye Jocko! Good-bye all! I go to-day in Santa's sleigh I think I hear him call!

ALL (waving):

Merrily we'll roll along, roll along And sing a song, Merrily we'll roll along, All in Santa's sleigh!



RAG DOLL (waving): Good-bye Jocko! Goodbye all!

I go to-day in Santa's sleigh

For some child wants a doll.

ALL (waving):

Merrily we'll roll along, roll along

And sing a song, Merrily we'll roll along, All in Santa's sleigh!

WOODEN SOLDIER (clearing his throat and stepping forward stiffly arm in arm with the SAILOR DOLL): Our turn now! (Walks up and down with the SAILOR who sings with him "The Toyland Trail" to the tune of "The Gypsy Trail." Jocko sings too.)

Down the trail, the Toyland Trail, March doll and wooden rover, To girls and boys come all these toys From all the wide world over.

From Santa's home we all will roam O'er hills and oceans blue, On Christmas day we'll come to stay, Come to stay with you!

Merry—Christmas!
We come to stay with you!
Merry—Christmas!
We come to stay with you!

[They hold out hands towards audience. Then sit down and fan themselves and mop their brows.]

JOCKO (wiping his eyes): I can't help feeling sorry for that poor little Bobby Brown. None of us will come this year to stay with him.

SANTA III (stepping slowly from his hiding place and putting his arms around Jocko): Jocko dear, I heard all you said and I've been thinking—

Jоско (gently): Yes?



SANTA III (swallowing hard): That Bobby Brown! He hasn't many playthings, has he?

JOCKO: I don't believe so. Why?

SANTA III (hugging him hard): Oh Jocko—don't you see? I ought to send my toys to him. The ball, the drum, the wooden soldier and sailor and—

JOCKO: Oh, not me!
SANTA III: But—but—
he'll want you most of all! I mustn't be selfish!
[He hugs him silently for a moment, then goes slowly over to the desk and writes a letter.] See, here's myletter for Grandpa! I'll put it here where he'll see it. [He pins it on JOCKO's

Box, pats the other toys, runs back to hug Jocko again, who returns the embrace reluctantly, yet with a proud smile. Then he runs off at the right.

SANTA (hurrying in at the left with some BROWNIES and CHRISTMAS FAIRIES): Jingle bells! I must hurry. You brownies and fairies have packed all the toys except this rag doll, whom we haven't made small yet. These other toys are for my grandson. What's this? [He peers at the note.] Bless the child—listen to this. "Dear Grandpa: Please give Bobby Brown Jocko and the rest of the toys you meant for me." That is not the act of a baby—Santa the Third is a full grown boy—send him to me! [The BROWNIES hurry off the stage while Santa wipes his spectacles with his bandana. Enter Santa III, shyly, at right.]

Santa: I'll take your toys to Bobby, my boy. But I just wanted you to know that you'll get that boy's suit and hair cut to-morrow.

SANTA III (glowing): Oh Grandpa! Really? SANTA: Yes, and we found an extra Jack-in-the-



box out in the sleigh for Bobby, so Jocko here belongs to you!

SANTA III (hugging Jocko happily): Hurrah!

SANTA: And now let's have nine cheers for Santa the Third and then a farewell song and dance before I start.

ALL TOYS, BROWNIES AND FAIRIES:

Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Santa the Third Rah! Rah! Rah!

[Then they join hands and dance around SANTA and his grandson singing again to the tune of "The Gypsy Trail"]:

Down the trail,
The Toyland Trail
March doll and wooden rover,
To girls and boys
Come all these toys
From all the wide world over.

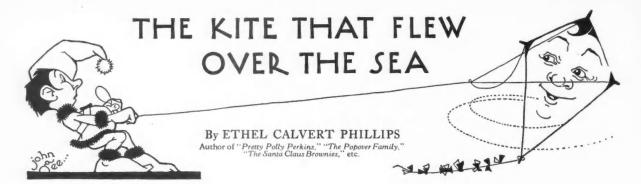
From Santa's home
We all will roam
O'er hills and oceans blue,
On Christmas day
We'll come to stay,
Come to stay with you!

Merry—Christmas!
We'll come to stay with you!
Merry—Christmas!
We'll come to stay with you!

[JOCKO holds his arms out to SANTA III as he sings.]

CURTAIN





ROWNIE FLEETFOOT had made a kite and he felt sure that it was the most beautiful kite that had ever been seen in Santa Claus's snow palace on the very tip-top of the North Pole.

It not only flew perfectly—rising slowly and steadily into the air, sailing briskly along, and then sinking gently, gently until it reached the groundwhich as everyone will admit is the true test of a good kite, but it was also a delightful kite to look upon. All the Brownies were agreed as to that.

For Fleetfoot had painted upon the kite a face, a face so droll, so smiling, so agreeable that Fleetfoot loved the kite as if it were his brother. He took it to bed with him. He gave it a name. And the name was Mr. Bumpus.

One day as Fleetfoot and Mr. Bumpus were returning home after a freshening run and sail in the crisp morning air they met Santa Claus on the palace steps.

"Good morning, Fleetfoot. Good morning, Mr. Bumpus," said Santa Claus politely. "I have been meaning to speak to you for several days, Fleetfoot. How would you like to take a little trip into the world, perhaps starting to-day? You are not very busy upon any toys at this moment and it would be a good time for you to go."

Fleetfoot looked sober. He almost shook his head. All the brownies thought it a great treat

to take a journey into the world and Fleetfoot had always been eager for his turn to come. But now he couldn't even smile.

"Why, Santa Claus," began Fleetfoot. "Why, Santa Claus-" And then he spoke right out.

"I can't leave Mr. Bumpus, sir," said Fleetfoot. "Bless your heart," replied Santa Claus with a laugh, "you won't have to leave Mr. Bumpus. You and Mr. Bumpus can go together. Start this very moment, if you like."

Fleetfoot rushed forward to hug Santa Claus. But Santa Claus only laughed again and patted Fleetfoot on the back.

"Here, sit up on Mr. Bumpus's shoulder," said Santa Claus, "and I will give you a start."

Up into the air rose the kite with Fleetfoot, his cap on the back of his head, holding tight and laughing and waving good-by to Santa Claus below. Mr. Bumpus's droll, agreeable face wore a broad smile, so it was plain to be seen that he liked the idea of a journey, too.

On, on sailed the kite. A brisk wind was blowing that bore them steadily along. Mr. Bumpus's tail flapped merrily and Fleetfoot's cheeks glowed like round rosy apples in the keen air.

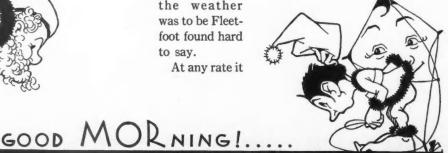
"Isn't it fun?" called Fleetfoot, and Mr. Bumpus heartily agreed with him.

"We may expect fine windy weather this time of year," answered Mr. Bumpus knowingly.

How Mr. Bumpus, born and brought up, so to speak, in the

snow palace, could tell what the weather was to be Fleetfoot found hard





was true. As they journeyed along over the countryside, over the great cities, they could plainly see the merry spring wind at work below. On the country roads the mud was drying and last year's leaves went scurrying along the ditches and under the hedges, helter skelter, here and there. Clothes flapped on the line and little children lost their hats and chased them gaily to and fro. In the cities the smoke from tall chimneys streamed out like great banners and the weather vane on the steeple twirled about in a mad little whirligig of its own.

Now by the city wharves, where lay great vessels, and fussy little tugs, and sailboats, glistening and beautiful, like huge white birds, the blue waves sparkled and danced under a sunny sky.

And all in a moment the wind fell. There was not a puff, a breath of air. Down, down to the wharf fluttered Mr. Bumpus.

"It is a good time now to take a rest," said he.

"I was thinking so, too," replied Fleetfoot, patting his dear Mr. Bumpus upon the head.

It was well that they wanted to rest at this time, for, without the wind to carry them along, pray tell me how Mr. Bumpus could have traveled another step!

The wharf was crowded with boxes and barrels and crates, and behind a stout barrel that smelled of molasses Fleetfoot and Mr. Bumpus took their rest. There was too much going on to allow them to sleep, so they peeped here and there and saw all there was to be seen.

Sailors were unlading a huge vessel newly arrived from over the sea. They ran up and down the gangplank with bundles and barrels and crates and boxes of every shape and size.

Suddenly Fleetfoot gave Mr. Bumpus a poke.

"Look!" said he. "See this!"

Down the gangplank came a tall sailor, hustling by the back of his collar a mite of a boy in a Dutch blue suit, a red worsted cap, and a pair of wooden shoes. The little boy was sniveling and crying and the sailor shook him at every step.

"A stowaway! A stowaway!" the sailor was

saying in an angry voice. "Sit here and we will see what the captain has to say to a stowaway on his ship."

to cry alone.

"What is a stowaway, Mr. Bumpus?" asked Fleetfoot, much excited and very sorry for the little boy.

If Mr. Bumpus knew so well about windy weather it was quite likely, Fleetfoot thought. that he would know about stowaways, too.

And so he did.

"A stowaway is a person who hides

on a ship and sails over the ocean without anyone knowing he is there," answered Mr. Bumpus with a wise look. "I wonder what they mean to do to that poor little boy."

"So do I," said Fleetfoot anxiously. "I wish I knew."

They peeped from behind their barrel and watched the crying little boy until slowly their eyelids closed, their heads nodded, and, being very tired, they fell sound asleep.

When they woke from their forty winks it was dark and the wind had risen again. The little boy was gone from his box and Fleetfoot and Mr. Bumpus thought they had better go, too.

"Fleetfoot," said Mr. Bumpus, as they sailed off along the shore, "Fleetfoot, there is a mosquito on my tail."

"A mosquito?" said Fleetfoot. "It is too cold for mosquitoes. Let me look and see."

He peered back at Mr. Bumpus's long and floating tail. There was something clinging to it at the very tip, something blue-and red-

"It is the little boy," shouted Fleetfoot. "It is the little stowaway. Hi there, you! Come up here! Climb up here on Mr. Bumpus's shoulder with me and mind you don't fall."

Very slowly the little boy climbed along Mr. Bumpus's tail and up on his shoulder where

> little hand. He was quite safe. The only accident was





that the little boy's red worsted cap was almost blown from his head and lost in the darkness.

"Take me home," cried the little boy, snuggling close to Fleetfoot. "Take me home to my mother again. I thought I wanted to see the world and to travel. But I don't. I want to go home again."

"Where is your home?" asked Fleetfoot. "Mr. Bumpus, can't we take this boy home? Where is your home, boy? Tell us that.'

"Over the sea," sniffed the little boy, "in a beautiful country where the windmills creak in the wind and the dykes are strong. My mother's tulip garden is the most beautiful in the land and our cows graze by the water's edge in green fields all the day. They will be looking for me, the cows. They will be looking for little Piet to drive them home at night. Oh! Oh! Take me home! Take me home!"

There really didn't seem to be anything else for Fleetfoot and Mr. Bumpus to do. They couldn't very well drop little Piet to the ground nor into the sea.

So over the ocean they started, flying steadily along in a cold strong wind. The sea birds screamed at them and flapped their wings in amazement at the strange, strange sight. On and on they sailed over the tumbling waters until at last they spied the land, a flat green land with windmills whirling and cows grazing peacefully, just as little Piet had said.

"It is my country, my country," called Piet. "I see the windmills! I see the tulips! I see the cows! No, this is not my house. My mill has a red front door. No, this is not my house. There is no tulip garden here. Yes, this is my house. This

is my garden. But where is Jansie? Where is my little white cow?"

Piet's mother was so glad to see him that she held him close and declared that she would never let him out of her sight again. And, indeed, he had no wish to leave her. Even when he stood upon his feet he held fast to her long white apron string and would not move from her side.

But Jansie, the little white cow, was gone.

"She ran away looking for you, Piet," said his mother. "I saw her swinging off down the road. I couldn't leave the mill, and though I called and called she wouldn't even turn her head.'

Now it was plain that some one must go after Jansie and bring her home again. Piet wouldn't leave his mother, and Mr. Bumpus shook his head.

"I shall stay quietly here, Fleetfoot," said he in a low voice. "I feel a queer cracking in my crossbar along the middle of my back, and we are a long way from home. I hope you can put a new bar in for me. I can't tell you how strange it is to have your backbone loose."

"Don't think of coming with me," advised Fleet-"I'd really like a smart run after that cow."

Fleetfoot scampered off down the road, hoping for at least a ten-mile run in search of Jansie.

But, would you believe it, she was only round the corner, hiding in the crimson tulip bed. And she was such a sleepy little Dutch cow that she thought Fleetfoot's scarlet brownie cap was Piet's homemade red worsted hat, and she allowed Fleetfoot to lead her home as Piet used to do.

"If Jansie wore a bell on her neck this couldn't have happened," said Fleetfoot to himself with a wise little nod. "I must remember that."

Then, as there was nothing more to do, Fleetfoot and Mr. Bumpus sailed home.

"We have traveled enough," said Fleetfoot, "and I am a little anxious about your backbone."

But they reached home safely, and the very next morning Mr. Bumpus was given a fine new backbone.

The next time Fleetfoot saw Santa Claus alone he asked him a favor.

> "Won't you please put Piet's name down in your Book of Good Children for a fine new hat this Christmas, and may Jansie have a silver bell?"

Now Santa Claus doesn't always tell what he writes in his Book of Good Children. But this time he did lean down and whisper, "Yes, I will."

And so he did.







Ted's family were traveling; so he and Chip arrived to spend Christmas with the chums, laden down with all sorts of secret parcels.



Of course they all had a lively pillow-fight that night before going to bed. And Chip was the greatest fighter of them all.



The chums grew sleepy at last. When they awoke a merry Christmas greeted them with bulging stockings full of toys and—a twinkly tree.



Dick and Betsy Ann and Ted and Bab were so delighted over their gifts, that no one noticed some tinsel on the tree catch fire. That is, no one but Chip!



His barks, though, and Ted's pail of water helped them keep the tree, and their very merry Christmas.



THE WILLOW WHISTLE

By CORNELIA MEIGS

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WHAT HAS HAPPENED

Mary Anne was not in the least afraid of the tall Indians, members of the Sioux tribe,

who came to buy and sell at her father's trading station. John Seabold, her father, had tried to teach them better ways of living, and sometimes he even tried to make them understand how much better off they would be if they could stop their endless quarrels with the other tribes. But despite his kindness to them he could not yet tell if they were his friends; he only knew they were not enemies. Mary Anne's only playmate was Eric Thorveg, a boy some years older than herself, who made her a willow whistle, with which she could always call to him, and taught her how to make one like it. Another friend was Gray Eagle, the Sioux chief, who often talked to the children by means of signs and his scanty English, until at last they

signs and his scanty English, until at last they grew truly fond of him. One afternoon, as Mary Anne and her mother were watching the flock of turkeys and waiting for Eric, a sudden storm came up. At her mother's bidding Mary Anne ran after the frightened fowls to drive them home, and around a bend she came upon her Indian friend. He lifted her to the back of his deer-colored pony and jumped on behind. She call to her mother, who was too far away to hear.

tried to call to her mother, who was too far away to hear, and she tried to make Gray Eagle understand that he must take her home. But he only shook his head, and the horse carried them steadily away across the broad prairie.

An anxious week followed for Mary Anne's family and comrade. They knew one Indian custom of pledging friendship with a white man was to take the white man's child away to his camp for a week. And they knew, too, that the white man was supposed to show his trust in the Indian by waiting without question for his child's return.

So Mary Anne's family waited bravely. But when sundown of the seventh day brought no Mary Anne, Eric, John Seabold and three other men set off on horseback for Gray Eagle's village. And when they reached there they found it deserted and knew that the Arickarees, the enemies of the Sioux, had scattered this Sioux village.

There was no need for anyone to say, "And there is no knowing what has happened to Mary Anne"

to Mary Anne."

John Seabold turned to tell Eric to keep with one of the older searchers. But the boy had already been taken with a plan of his own. He had chosen the trail leading from the shore toward the hills and had swung Sancho up the bank and had disappeared among the

shadows.

Meanwhile Mary Anne had been carried away to the village of Chief Gray Eagle and had made friends with the

friends with the Indian children, sharing their games and riding with them on the pony that they gave her. Then a day arrived when the whole

camp was full of talk and laughter, for that evening the village was to hold its spring festival, the Dance of the

Omahas. At this time all the babies who had been born within the year were to be given their names. It was while the dance was in progress that a band of Arickarees, enemies of the Sioux, attacked them. Gray Eagle's people knew they were outnumbered and, instead of fighting, they scattered and with their horses vanished in the dark. The chief's mother, Swift Pigeon, caught the mane of a plunging pony and somehow got the three of them—Mary Anne, a papoose and herself—upon its back. Soon they were galloping away into the black emptiness of the prairie, farther away from the village than Mary Anne had ever ridden.

PART IV

HEN Eric swung away from the deserted camp beside the river and turned his pony's head toward the hills, he knew exactly why he chose that special direction.

The men were looking for the vanished Sioux Indians and the lost little girl all across the great plain to the west and south. Why did the boy seek to find her in the broken country toward the north? This was what he was thinking, if his thoughts had been put into words.

"Gray Eagle carried Mary Anne away, because he was a friend, not an enemy. So when he and his people ran away from the Arickaree horsethieves they would take Mary Anne to the very safest place they knew."

And where would she be more securely hidden than in those broken hills just showing in the faint starlight so far away to the north? The pony, Sancho, was tired, but he seemed to have forgotten his laziness for the time being and to know as well as his rider that theirs was a pressing errand. He stretched his weary legs to the new trail and loped forward.

The sun came up and showed them the way more plainly, though the hills seemed no nearer. It was one

of those hot, heavy days that sometimes come at the end of spring. They stopped as they crossed a shallow-running creek, and both of them drank. Eric munched some bread and cheese which his grandfather had slipped into his pocket before he set out. Sancho cropped a few mouthfuls of grass, and would have liked to linger, but went on obediently when Eric slid into the saddle once more.

By noon they had reached uneven, barren country where the edge of the great grassy plain had just begun to break up into cracks and ravines. The

sun was fiercely hot overhead and the sky was without a cloud. Both boy and pony were so worn out that

it was plain they must rest a little before they could possibly go forward. They came to a wide creek-bed, so nearly empty of water that it held only a series of pools rather than a running stream. Its course bent around a broad sandy curve where grew a dense and tangled thicket of young poplar trees.

It was the trees which decided Eric to stop here to eat, drink, and rest. Any patch of shade looked welcome indeed after the blinding brightness of the beating sun. He guided Sancho carefully down the steep bank into the sandy bottom lands, skirted the poplar grove—and stopped short.

A vast, shaggy beast came splashing and snorting through the shallow water and out upon the sand. It was a great bull

buffalo, big-shouldered and heavy horned, with the shaft of an Indian arrow standing out from a wound in his neck. An ordinary grazing buffalo is fairly peaceable, but a wounded bull is a bellowing whirlwind of stupid rage. The moment his glinting eyes caught sight of Eric and the tired pony, he dropped his horns and charged upon them.

Swift Sancho fled along the sandy level, keeping close to the poplar thicket. An angry buffalo can gallop faster than a tired pony, but this buffalo was fortunately floundering in the heavy sand. How long he had carried that tormenting arrow in his shoulder could not be known. It was only plain that the great beast knew that a human hunter had hurt him and now he was going to hurt someone in his turn.

They rounded the end of the poplar grove and Eric saw the steep bank rise before him. The worn-out pony could never scramble up it, not even driven by terror of the furious animal at his heels. There was nothing to do but swing about, still skirting the edge of the poplars, and ride in a wide curve down toward the stream again.

The buffalo's big clumsy feet had stumbled and sunk deeper in the sand than Eric had thought. Snorting and angry, their pursuer was still following them, but more and more slowly. The boy and the pony had come in a circle all the way around the grove of trees and had galloped so much faster than the buffalo that they were now behind him instead of in front. Eric was breathless and knew that

they were still in danger; but in spite of that he almost laughed aloud.

A buffalo viewed from

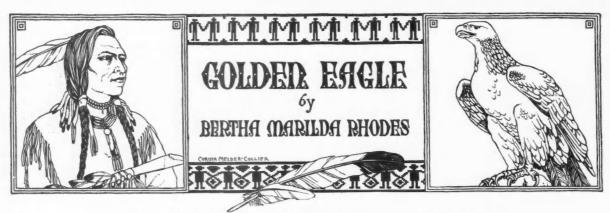
behind is very different from a buffalo seen from in front. When one looks at his huge shoulders, the hump behind them covered with a shaggy mane of hair, looks at his heavy head and short thick horns, he seems a terrible beast indeed. But observed from the rear, he shows a sloping back and such small hind legs that he seems not terrible at all and even a little ridiculous.

At the sound of the horse's hoofs behind him, the big bull did not wheel about, but only struggled harder and harder to plunge forward through the sand. The hunter whose arrow had wounded his shoulder had shot him from the rear and now, in his dull buffalo mind, the big creature could only think that he was being pursued again. He snorted with terror when, a minute before, he had been bellowing with rage. Eric shouted to drive him still faster. With a scramble of hasty

hoofs and a rattle of stones all about him, the great beast went climbing up the bank to the level above. The arrow caught on a branch of poplar and was jerked free. In wonder and relief, but still in a tremendous fright, the buffalo with his head lowered and his tail straight up in the air, went galloping away across the plain and disappeared.

Eric slipped out of the saddle, sat down on the sand and drew a long breath. The pony wasted no time in wondering over their escape, but waded into the water and dropped his head to take a long cool drink. All about them the sand was torn and trampled by those clumsy cloven feet, but the danger was safely past. Eric loosened the cinch on Sancho's saddle, and lifted it off. The grateful pony scrambled up the bank to the green level above and rolled gloriously on the soft grass. Then he fell to snatching a hasty dinner while Eric lay at full length on the sand in the shade of the poplars,

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WHAT HAS HAPPENED

An Indian baby was named for two feathers, which his father found upon the morning of his birth. His mother prophesied that like the bird to which the small feathers belonged, he should dwell among his people, and like the eagle he should journey far, and return to them with blessings. One day when Two Feathers was playing, a golden eagle threw its shadow upon him. His mother told him of the prophecy and gave him a bowl of charcoal sticks, which meant that he should go alone into the forest for

four days without tasting food. Whatever animal should come to him in his dreams would become his protector and companion. His mother was embroidering him a shirt representing many kinds of flowers all growing in the fields together. Two Feathers followed the eagle trail. At night he dreamed that the mighty eagle stood above him and then changed to his mother, who held out the shirt. The flowers had turned to birds. The second night they turned to animals and the third stars, all dwelling together in peace. On the last morning, inspired by the eagle's first flight, Two Feathers, instead of returning home, started out in search of the promised blessing. At the close of day he voiced an invitation to any brother within hearing to come and share his simple meal, and then stopped in surprise. Before him stood a little white brother who was lost. He shared his meal with him, and then they fell asleep.

CHAPTER II

Two FEATHERS was awake with the first ray of light. He looked anxiously over the

hillside. Not far away he discovered a white mist which lay like a shining cloud close to the earth. He knew that beneath the cloud was water. He ran down and filled his water bag. As he returned the little brother awoke. He said something and smiled. Two Feathers did not understand the words but he understood the smile, for smiles are the same the world over. When they had eaten, Two Feathers pointed to a tall tree near-by. There the child was to remain until he should return. Keeping the tree in sight, he hunted through the woods and at last returned, bringing cool leaves which he bound upon

the child's aching feet. Then together they started down a narrow trail where Two Feathers had found a tiny scrap of white cloth which had been torn from the boy's waist as he forced his way through a tangle of vines and branches. Farther on was a footprint in the earth, here a broken twig, and there bent grasses where he had paused for rest. All these signs the Indian boy could read at a glance, for he had learned to see as well as to hear. At last they reached the level prairie beyond the woods, and the white boy laughed aloud for joy. He had wandered over the prairie on his way. This was the way to his home. But which way must they go? Two Feathers pointed across the prairie to the north-the child nodded:

to the east—the child nodded; to the south—the answer was the same, for the prairie stretched in each direction as far as the eye could see. A bewildered expression came over the child's face, then, discouraged, he sank down upon the ground.





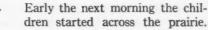
Two Feathers opened the precious bag of rice which Mother-like-a-Red-Rose had given him and filled the white boy's hand. He would take none himself; one meal a day was enough for an Indian lad when occasion demanded. The white child urged in vain; then, not satisfied, he looked

long at Two Feathers. Taking from his pocket a blue marble, he presented it to his newfound friend in appreciation of his kindness. Two Feathers looked at it with interest. Then he held it up to the light and examined it carefully. Surely there was something familiar about it. Then he gave a start. It was just the color of Father Many Lightnings' calumet pipe which had been given to him at one of their peace ceremonies when Two Feathers was a baby. Father Many Lightnings treasured it above all things. Many times Two Feathers had held it in his hands and listened to the story his father told him about it. The story

"Two days' journey to the north, not far

from the River of Waters, rises a high cliff upon which Evening Star once made her dwelling place. It was so high the littlest children could not climb to it and so the Evening Star, who loved all the children, left the cliff and made her home upon the surface of the stream, where every starry night the children could take their canoes and visit her at will. To this day the cliff is the color of the heavens on a starlit night; and here the Indian finds the blue clay from which he makes paint for coloring the blue calumet, the peace pipe, which stands for heaven and all that is above the earth."

"Two days' journey to the north," repeated Two Feathers. He sprang to his feet. The child came from the blue cliffs "two days' journey to the north!"



Hour after hour they traveled. By noon the hills were lost to view; only a vast stretch of prairie lay before them whichever way they turned, but this made no difference to Two Feathers. He could read the

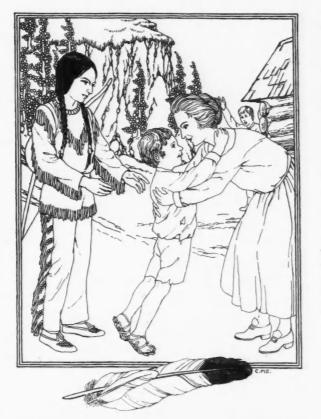
shadows in the grasses by day, or the stars at midnight would point out the way for him.

Taking the boy by the hand, Two Feathers led the way across the prairie gleaming with vellow flower-feathers. When the little white brother became too tired to walk farther Two Feathers took him on his back and carried him. Toward the end of the next day they entered woods. The leaves rustled in the wind, and from time to time the white brother would look back, thinking he heard footsteps. Two Feathers made no such mistakes, but at last he, too, stopped. It was not the falling of the leaves, but a footfall so soft his little white companion had not heard it. Out from behind a bush at some

distance stepped a black bear. He looked at them, turned and walked away.

"He is not afraid," thought Two Feathers, "and he is not curious. He is fatter than most bears. He probably goes to the white man's teepee for food." Two Feathers was right. That night they kept near him; the next morning they followed him until they came to a wide trail which led to a village at the foot of a blue cliff. Taking Two Feathers by the hand, the little white brother hurried on to his home.

"The child is found! The child is found!" the people called to one another. A bell pealed from a steeple calling the searchers in from the countryside. Friends gathered about the little white brother, and





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his mother folded him in her arms and wept for joy. Then the white child told how he had become separated from relatives as they were returning from a distant village. They had camped by the roadside; he awoke in the early dawn. The birds were astir in the trees. Quietly so as not to awaken the others he had made his way down to a winding brook, followed a squirrel which led him on, became confused and went in the wrong direction. When he called no one heard his voice. They could not find him; so after searching they had returned to the village and spread the alarm. Now that the child was found all were anxious to show their gratitude to the Indian lad who had brought him home. But to Two Feathers everything was strange and unfamiliar. That night he slept in the Pale Face's house. It was made with walls, floor and roof, windows and doors; closed at the top so that no stars could look

down upon them, not nearly as beautiful, so Two Feathers thought, as the teepee among the pines.

The next morning the pale-faced chief, the sweet-faced mother, the little white brother and many others gathered in the house at the turn of the road. Some spoke: then Two Feathers listened to the most marvelous music he had ever heard. It began in a soft strain like the lapping of waters among the rice stems. He could hear the high pitched voices of the baby rails and the low tones of the mother birds answering them. Then the music grew loud and strong until it filled the room and all the people rose and sang. Two Feathers could not understand their English

words, but well he knew what they were saying:

"He is the Great Mystery:
He points out a trail for the birds
And they fly to the land of summer.
He returns the lost child to his home."

Time passed quickly. Two Feathers was anxious to return to his people. He had treasures for them, given to him by his new-found friends. They went with him a day's journey across the prairie. Then he sent them back, promising to return.

Mother-like-a-Red-Rose was sitting in front of the teepee looking out over the Big Shining Water. When would Two Feathers return? Was all well with him? She heard a call.

"Two Feathers! Two Feathers!" she cried. He was soon at her side. He had gifts for all—a wonderful pale-faced doll for Peep-of-Day, a blanket for Father Many Lightnings, and for Mother-like-a Red-Rose a square wooden box. She opened it. It was filled with gaily colored beads, transparent and bright.

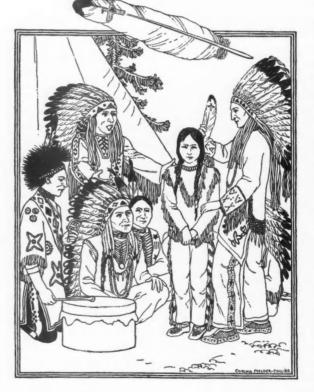
"Now, Mother-like-a-Red-Rose," he said, "you can work at your beautiful patterns of birds and

flowers without waiting for the hunters to bring porcupine quills. How fast they will go!"

Two Feathers said nothing of what had taken place during his absence since it might seem like boasting. But the next day Father Many Lightnings and his braves met in council, each Indian dressed in gala attire. Two of them had returned to the village that morning. They reported deeds of bravery for which they received eagle feathers. Upon each feather was painted in picture writing why it was given. These they would wear in their head dresses and treasure for years to come. At length Two Feathers was called upon to give an account of his absence.

"An eagle threw its shadow over me," he said, "and I followed it to a far-away cliff. Three nights it appeared to me in my dreams." The braves nodded; that was as it should be. The eagle had

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A KNIGHT CAME FLYING

By BESS ANN ELLIOT

ED WAS waiting impatiently for Mr. White, the rural free delivery carrier. He had waited for him every morning for the past three days. He could hear the rattling of the old flivver before it appeared around the curve of the hill, and his heart thumped fast until the old car had stopped at their mail box, and Mr. White had sorted the papers and letters which belonged to the Gaylord family. But it wasn't a paper or letter for which he waited and watched; no, indeed! It was a package which was to come all the way from a mail order house in the city. The contents of that package were to make Ned the happiest boy in Clay County. Oh, how hard he had worked to collect the three dollars and seventy-five cents which he needed to send for it! Ned didn't have money to spend, as many city boys have. During the winter, especially, there was no money coming to the Gaylord family, except from the milk checks, and that had to be carefully saved to buy grain, for their supply usually gave out before the next year's harvest. They also found it necessary to save money for the groceries which they needed to supplement the milk, meat and vegetables that their farm produced.

Grandma Haynes, an old lady who lived half a mile down the road, had been shut in for the past few months and had hired Ned to milk her cow. His parents thought he was too young for this job, but he pleaded so hard that they gave in, and in this way, he had added a dime a week to the sum he was saving. That wasn't very much pay, perhaps, for a walk of two miles and the labor of milking old Betsy twice a day, but it seemed a fortune to him, because he seldom received

more than a penny or two at a time from his parents. For weeks, he had pored over the mail order catalog. There was that entrancing picture on page 204. There were other pictures on the same page, and they had interesting names. too, but only that one held his attention. There was one "Genuine Cowboy Suit," labeled "Every

boy wants

one." Ned

passed over that. Next was a picture of a "Boy's Hiking Outfit." "Huh," he said to himself, "just as if I couldn't take a hike in any old clothes." Then there was a baseball suit, another cowboy suit, and last and best of all *the picture*—the prize of the lot! Under it was printed in big black letters:

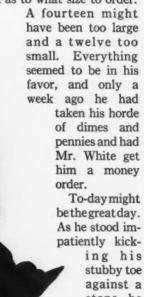
"SPIRIT OF YOUNG AMERICA BOY'S AVIATOR OUTFIT"

In the picture, a nifty little aviator stood with his arms on his hips, and as Ned studied it, it almost seemed as if it were his own face, beaming at him from the page. Whoever had written the little bit of advertising certainly knew the way to a boy's heart, for it said:

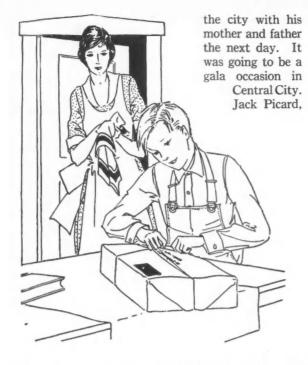
"You'll be all set for a non-stop flight across the ocean in this smart little aviator suit. It's new—and just about the smartest little play suit you can buy—it's the ace of them all. Very fine quality, durable khaki twill. Outfit consists of coat, breeches, overseas hat, two nickeled pins with wings, imitation leather Sam Brown belt and puttees.

Even sizes: 4 to 16 years State size Price.....\$3.75"

He was glad that his age was an even twelve years. Suppose he had been thirteen. Then he would have been all at sea as to what size to order.



ing his stubby toe against a stone, he pictured to himself just how he would look when he went to



the great ace, the most noted flier of all time, was going to land at the new airport and make a twominute speech to the people of the county, before he continued a circle tour of the continent. Ned had eagerly read of this great aviator in every magazine and paper he could find. He had a scrapbook full of his pictures and pictures of the various airplanes he had used in his many spectacular flights. The boy had never seen an airplane, but on one memorable occasion his father had taken him to Central City to the movies, and there he had been carried away by the picture of his great hero, looping the loop and doing other stunts which not only sent chills up and down the spinal columns of the spectators, but thrilled them through and through. Now the best thing he had ever known was going to happen. Dad, Mother and he were going in the old car to see Jack Picard in person and actually hear his voice.

Ned had helped Dad clean the car so it would be fit for the occasion, and the only thing needed to complete his preparations was the new suit which he was expecting Mr. White to bring him. If it should be a day late—but he wouldn't even think of that. It just couldn't be. That would spoil everything. And as good luck would have it, it came on time. Mr. White came clattering around the hill as usual, and after his car had stopped in front of the mail box, he began to hand out the Gaylord mail. He was tantalizingly slow, but finally reached under his mail bag and pulled out a package addressed to Alfred M. Gaylord, Jr. Ned seized it and ran joyfully toward the house.

"Come back an' git yer mail!" shouted Mr. White after his fleeing figure, but the lad was so excited he didn't hear him, and anyway, seed

catalogs and poultry journals could go this day. He had no use for them.

He laid his treasure on the living-room table and tried to untie the string, but he was so excited he couldn't do it. Mother came into the room, wiping her sudsy hands as she stood in the doorway, and seeing his dilemma, came to the rescue. The brown paper wrapping was folded back and inside was a box. He lifted the cover, and there was the suit—a wonderful sight—all the advertisement said and more.

"Mother, Mother, isn't it great?" stuttered the boy in his excitement.

"Yes, Son," the woman answered, "it certainly is a fine suit."

"O, boy! Won't I look grand to-morrow! Mother, do you suppose a man like Jack Picard would ever notice a boy like me? Why, I'd feel as tall as the trees if a hero like him would just say three words to me."

Mrs. Gaylord laughed. "Why, Ned, I presume he used to be a freckled-faced, tousle-headed boy not much different from you, but he hasn't time now to be thinking of that, and to be paying attention to boys. He'll be talking to the mayor and all the big men of the town."

"Well, maybe he'll see my suit. Gee, it's a peachy suit, all right! I bet it's as good as his, don't you, Mom?"

The Gaylords were up at daybreak the next morning. There were the chores to be done before they could start to the city, and Ned must milk old Betsy and turn her out to pasture. Two hours before any city boy had as much as opened his eyes, Ned had done the milking at Grandma Haynes' and was hurrying down the road toward home. His mind was filled with the new suit and the glorious day that lay before him. He hurried through the kitchen door into the house. "I'm back, Mom," he called. His mother came slowly into the room. Her face looked very serious, and he knew something had happened. "Why, Mom," he asked, "what's the matter? You aren't sick or anything?"



"I'm sorry, Son," she said. "I know how disappointed you'll be, but I just had a phone call from Uncle Tom. One of his neighbors has an auction early to-morrow morning, and there's a cow for sale which he thinks Dad may be able to buy cheap. We need another cow since Buttercup died. You know how small the milk checks are now. Do you think if Billy Jones comes to help you that you can look out for things here until to-morrow night? We can't go without leaving someone who knows what to do."

"But, Mom, you can't go get that cow! We're—we're going to see Jack Picard."

"Yes, we'll have to start

right away, Ned. I've got to go to drive the car back. Uncle Tom will bring the cow

on his big truck. but your father will have to ride with him to see that she's all right. We're awfully sorry about Jack Picard, but this is too good an opportunity to lose. Your father says he'll take you to the very next circus that comes to

town. That will be fine, won't it, Son?"

Mother didn't understand; Dad

didn't understand; what was a circus compared to a glimpse of his idol, the great Jack Picard? He thought at first

that he could never speak again. There was a lump in his throat, which, try as hard as he might, he couldn't swallow. He disappeared into his mother's bedroom for a time, but was able to come out before his parents left. Choking back the tears, which he felt no boy of his age should shed, he helped Dad and Mother finish their work and get ready for the trip

"You and Dad go right along," he said stoutly, "and I can stay here with Rover. I'm not afraid."

"We'll stop and ask Billy Jones to come and help with the milking and spend the night with you," said Father, "and look for us back to-morrow night with a nice new cow."

When Mother kissed him good-by, she patted him on the back and whispered, "You're my brave knight, Son. I shouldn't wonder if some day you would be as great a hero as Jack Picard himself."

Ned knew he was a baby, but he couldn't help a few big tears that rolled down his face when he saw Dad's car disappear down the road. He went in and looked at the new suit. He sighed. Never again would there be such a chance to wear it. He called Rover and went out and sat on the back steps. The old shepherd dog was a great comfort. He looked wistfully at the boy as much as to say, "What's the matter, Old Top? I'd help you out if I could."

The day passed slowly, and about noon the sky became dark, and there was every indication of a storm. In a short time, a terrific gale swept over the county, and Ned and Rover sat in the living room with their noses pressed against the window, watching the wind-whipped trees, the forked lightning and the sheets of rain. In the midst of the

storm, the boy heard a sudden roar, not like thunder nor anything he had ever heard before. It sounded a little bit like Mr. White's old motor car, only many, many times louder. The noise increased in volume and seemed to be coming nearer. It almost seemed as if something was going to crush the house itself. Then there came a flash of lightning, and out in Dad's big flat pasture, he saw something like a huge bird with enormous silver wings. It landed on the ground and went skimming along with

a noise as loud as the thunder which was now grumbling way off toward the east.

Without a hat, but with Dad's old raincoat wrapped around him, he called to Rover, and, opening the kitchen door, ran out into the rain. The big bird had come to a stop, and a leather-clad figure was clambering over its side.

"Hey, kid," a voice shouted, as Ned and Rover drew near enough to be heard, "anybody home? I stopped for a call. Forced down! Lucky to make a good landing. Pretty close call! Hope I didn't hurt your pasture."

Blown by the wind, nearly suffocated by the rain, and overcome by the sight of the beautiful machine, Ned could hardly answer, but after awhile, he managed to lead the birdman to the snug kitchen. When they had taken off their wet things, the aviator explained to the boy, "I'm Jack Picard. You may have heard of me. Was over at Central City to-day and wanted to hop on to my next stop. No harm done. That field will make a fairly good take-off, but I'll have to stay until the storm is over. How

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A.PICNIC-PARTY UNDER.THE.CHRISTMAS.TREE

BY JEAN WALDEN

OULD anything be more fun than planning a regular winter picnic underneath a Christmas tree, and pretending that your guests are all toys? We hope most of them will be "animated" toys, because we shouldn't like to think any real lively boy or girl couldn't play during the entire party. That's one thing a party is for.



We shall first take some green paper and cut out our invitations in the shape of Christmas trees. On the front side we can paste tiny circles of colored paper, and perhaps even use a few cut-out pictures of toys, to make it look very Christmas-y. On the other side the following invitation may be written:

Come frolic with the toys
Beneath our Christmas tree.
We'll have a winter-picnic, too,
Provided you'll agree
To arrive at ______, December ______
Now promise you'll say, "Yes,"
And will you bring your favorite toy
To our Toyland address?"

(Address)______

The guests may be requested to dress in toy costumes, if desired, although the first game will help everyone to feel very Toylandish anyway!

As the boys and girls appear, they are given small shipping tags, with different colored ribbons attached, and told to tie the ribbon about the toy they have brought from home. This will make everyone feel very helpful, besides giving them something important to do in those few awkward moments before the party really starts. Of course, the tags are used to identify the toys, for each one reads something like this: "I belong to Mary Sue Loring."

The toys are finally all collected and put into a large basket or box. Meanwhile, everyone is asked to sit on the floor in a circle, while a grown-up passes the basket all around, asking each player to close his eyes and take the first toy his fingers touch. If John Terry draws an elephant, the leader looks straight at John and says, "Mr. Elephant, will you please show us how you walk?"

Each player is called upon in turn to be a monkey, a doll, a drum, a bow and arrow, a horn, or most any kind of toy imaginable! Let us hope, however, that the boys all draw dolls and are asked to say, "Ma-ma," and that the girls are asked to explode like pop-guns or act like monkeys, as the case may be! Afterwards the toys are returned to their owners.

No Christmas party would be complete without Santa Claus being present, so a vote is taken as to how many boys and girls would really like to watch

Santa Claus grow! Of course, the vote is "Yes," and a large sheet of white paper is pinned to a curtain. On this paper is an outline of Santa drawn with heavy crayon, but, oh dear, he is eyeless, armless, earless, noseless, capless, shoeless and even



Each player is supplied with one of the missing parts, however, and at a signal, is in turn, blindfolded and led to the picture and told to pin in place the missing part of jolly old Santa Claus.

If Santa's eye happens to be pinned on a bit crooked, or an eye fastened to his elbow, it will



mean that the onlookers will probably be overcome with laughter. Should any player succeed in pinning a feature in its proper place, he is given a tiny Santa Claus box filled with candy for a prize.

Jingling Christmas bells are necessary to the success of a party also, so

every guest but one is given a bell on a ribbon to hang about his neck. That one is blindfolded and, guided by the sound of the bells, catches another player and asks him to say, "Merry Christmas." If he guesses the other's name correctly the first time, the bell is his, and his victim is blindfolded.

After such a noisy game, it would be good fun if a grown-up would sit on the floor surrounded by boys and girls, and read "The Night before Christmas," asking different ones to act out the parts which lend themselves easily to dramatization.

Suddenly the grown-up stops reading and says, "Oh, gracious! I almost forgot to ask you if you know what Santa's *pack* really looks like. I mean the kind he fills with all sorts of toys for good boys and girls!"

She then directs them to a rather small room which is quite dark except for the lights from a beautiful twinkly Christmas tree over in one corner. And lying underneath it is a large bag—as though Santa Claus had forgotten and left it there. The grown-up

then quietly tiptoes to the pack and asks everyone to sit down while she unpacks their gifts, explaining that no guest can claim a package until he has guessed what is inside!

The gifts are wrapped in such strange shapes that there is no clue as to what they are (although there is a tiny label on each one for the benefit of the grown-up). No package must be opened until all have been successful "guessers." If there should

be any guest who is too timid to take part, the grown-ups should pretend to be very deaf to every other voice in the room except the one who is shy, for grown-ups can do lots of things to make it easy for the littlest ones! Should one gift be a doll, just the girls may be asked



to "speak up," and vice versa. When the unwrapping takes place, well—it is a sight to make even

grown-ups wish they were children again! "But why do you have a chimney underneath the Christmas tree?" little Jean asks. "Because," says the grown-up, "as soon as that chimney falls down we shall have a perfect picnic!" And sure enough, it does fall down, separating into as many different red-brick boxes as there are guests. These boxes are all the same size, and are covered with red-brick crepe paper and piled one upon the other to resemble a chimney. Each boy and girl is given a "brick" and finds it filled with a delicious picnic lunch. There are sandwiches



of minced chicken, jelly





T was a very cheerful window looking out on a lively street and Jenny liked to take her cat and sit there. The cat liked it, too, for there were little brown

birds fitting about which made his eyes glow and his whiskers twitch, although he never came any nearer to them on account of the windowpane; but then there was warm sunshine too on his back and the general atmosphere of comfort pleased him mightily.

Jenny liked the window seat better than any part of the big building. She lived in a home for very old poor people, which seems a melancholy place for a little girl, but then, her grandmother was one of the old people and Jenny loved her grandmother. She saw her own mother very little, as she was away

most of the time teaching school and had left Jenny in the care of the steward and his wife who ran the big building and looked after all the old people.

Up the street from the window seat Jenny could see the church of Saint Jacob's against the blue sky. This was in Sweden in the city of Stockholm almost a hundred years ago, but Jenny with her two fair pigtails and her stiff full frock was part of it all and it all seemed homelike and natural to her. The only trouble was she missed the country. Before her mother had gone away she had lived outside Stockholm where there were big trees and a great many birds and she had liked to sit very still and listen to all the different songs and calls and whistles up in the high branches.

"Oh, my cat," she said, thinking of all this as she looked at the tower of Saint Jacob's, "how I wish I could sing half such beautiful songs to you!"

The cat blinked and winked and looked very sly, for he knew that his mistress could sing the loveliest songs in the world. He had a blue ribbon tied about his neck with a huge bow at one ear and people going by looked up at the window and smiled at the little girl with her pigtails and happy face and the big cat sitting very proudly, as if he thought himself quite a somebody. I wonder if the cat knew that to be sung to by Jenny Lind was something very wonderful to have happen to a cat and that he would be remembered because of it in years to come much more than a good many cats are remembered.

Jenny began to sing. She always sang. There wasn't so very much in her life to be happy about—

she was poor and her mother was far away, but sing she did more than any canary in a cage!

This especial morning she sang a long string of nonsense to the cat-foolish things about his eyes and paws and even his tail and then about how much she loved him and of how some day they would run away together to the country and, instead of the streets and people and the church tower. there would be trees and meadows and birds and flowers and sheep. There was no tune to all this string of nonsense, but there was any amount of melody and beauty. When she told the cat she loved him her voice was low and soft and tender, and when she sang about the tall trees it rose clear and high and strong and wonderfully sweet and Jenny did not know, so absorbed was she in her own song and the cat, that the



people in the street paused and listened with wonder on their upturned faces.

A young woman stood and listened longer than anybody else. She was on an errand for her mistress and she was very pretty and neat (for those days) and she was in a hurry because her mistress was a dancer at the Royal Opera House and was forever in need of ribbons and laces and scents and satins and a hundred pretty gay things.

"I ought to hurry," she thought. "Mademoiselle Lundberg will be furious! But I never, never, never heard such beautiful singing as this little girl sings to her funny old cat!"

And Johanna, the maid, stood with her shopping bag empty and listened and forgot entirely about Mademoiselle Lundberg and the ribbons and laces. She would probably be standing there still if the bell of Saint Jacob's had not chimed out the hour in a deep reproving voice and then she started—sighed—dropped her bag—picked it up and gave herself a little shake.

"It's impossible; it cannot be so late. Oh dear! But now I must remember where this song-bird lives," and her bright eyes took in the building where the old people lived and made note of the small blue door of the steward's little house.

At that moment Jenny stopped singing and the cat jumped down, and Johanna walked away, at



first very slowly, thinking about what she had heard, and then very fast as she realized how late she was.

Mademoiselle Lundberg was very angry indeed when poor Johanna arrived breathless and with her shopping half done and very badly at that, but when in short excited sentences she told Mademoiselle Lundberg about the little girl and the beautiful song that had held her

spellbound beneath the window, the dancer leaned her chin in her hand and listened very kindly

and all the anger left her pretty face.

"But, Johanna, it is unusual for a child to sing like this and you are not apt to loiter on your way. You have heard, too, at different times some very fine singing in the theaters where I have taken you with me, so—Ah well, of course I forgive you and maybe—"

"But, Mademoiselle she must sing for you!" cried Johanna.

"I cannot stand under the window of this little pigtailed girl who sings to her cat," laughed Mademoiselle Lundberg. "You must have her brought here to me, Johanna. I will send a message to her parents when I find out who she is. She may sing very well and in any case I like children, but I am not fond of cats! But arrange it for her to come and we shall see."

So it came to pass that a week later Jenny was [Continued on page 690]





By AVIS FREEMAN MEIGS

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O The Shepherds in Judea,
They are pacing to and fro,
For the air is chill at twilight
And the weaning lambs are slow.

Leave, O lambs, the dipping sedges, quit the bramble and the briar,

Quit the fields of barley stubble, for we light the watching fire;

AUSTIN—"The Children Sing in the Far West"

Christmas and happiness may exist anywhere. With love making all ranks equal, Christmas may be made out of almost nothing. How often we discover what David learned in *This Way To Christmas:* "I've found out just lately that Christmas isn't things, it's thoughts."

Sometimes Christmas seems almost lost. With no trees to light, no stockings to hang, no carols to sing, no holly to make into wreaths, no gladness anywhere, the prospects are very dark. How many adventures, which began in that way, eventually turn out satisfactorily! Each of us remembers an experience or so of that kind.

Who would suppose, for instance, that a Christmas Eve which began in Mr. Scrooge's office, with an employer "crosser than the crossest Turk in Constantinople," would turn into A Christmas Carol with Tiny Tim the happiest boy at the party? Who would suppose that any little girl who had such a severe mother as Mrs. Muffet could leave the holidays in their natural state? If you do not know the story by heart and do not know what happened when the kind old spider sat down beside her, you will improve an occasion and read Miss Muffet's Christmas Party.

The Court Directory indicates that many kings and counts and queens have faced dreary holidays. There are stories in which everybody at the palace is "about as cheerful to look at as a Christmas tree in an ash barrel the week after Christmas." Not every queen proves as resourceful as Peter's Aunt Jane in "The Seller of Dreams" by Henry Beston.

Do you remember how Aunt Jane rolls into the story in a coach drawn by twelve white horses? She had become queen simply by walking into a deserted castle, putting on a crown, and telling the servants she intended to be queen. "You see, Peter dear, there's nothing that a woman of determination and energy can't accomplish."

In *The King's Christmas Pudding*, His Royal Highness suffers from a cause which he thinks no one can remove. "I can never be surprised. Nothing new ever happens to me. I know just what my courtiers are going to say before they say it. I know exactly what every part of my kingdom looks like. I know what I shall have for dinner and worst of all I know exactly what Christmas will be like even to that same awful Christmas pudding!" The King put his handkerchief over his eyes and began to weep softly.

It was the scullery boy in the kitchen who learned how the surprise pudding was contrived and what made His Majesty the merriest ruler in the world. *The Poor Count's Christmas* tells how several children, with the help of an amicable giant and a kind fairy, made the count's Christmas a happy one.

At Miss Muffet's Christmas Party there were hosts of brownies and elves and fairies and intelligent white bears and one or two reformed wolves. Miss Muffet could not help noticing that a great many of those North Country folks bore a strong family resemblance to Santa Claus. How soft and warm the hearts of those folks were! Even without the holiday season to recall certain personalities to our minds, we always remember The Adventures of A Brownie, The Elves and The Shoemaker, East of the Sun and West of the Moon, The White Cat. The night before Christmas, the piskies come in through the keyhole to order children's dreams. Think of The Little Cake Bird, The Story of Child Charity, The Tailor of Gloucester.

In books, there are many boys and girls who, like Peter Pocket, are "just as full as they can be of Christmas." You know how Little Dog Toby felt—exactly as if a Christmas rocket had been set off inside him. Whether these stories are about boys and girls in our own country or in some other, they are alive from beginning to end. What Happened to Inger Johanne, The Bird's Christmas Carol, The Adventures of Andris, Miki, the book of Maud and Miska Petersham, Hans Brinker, Roses of the Winds—how could we better celebrate Christmas than to read aloud from these books?

There are many stories of how a simple gift, given [Continued on page 694]



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The kitchen is one of the most important places in the whole town, for what -we ask you-

would be the fun of Christmas if there weren't good things to eat? What indeed? So we Child Life cooks are putting on our freshest aprons and caps and looking over our records for our very best recipes so that we may add to the festivities. We already know many good things to make: candied orange peel, fudge, nut brittle, Christmas cake, cookies, stuffed dates and other delicacies and we intend to use those recipes, every one. But we want something new, too, and here it is, both sensible and frivolous, in the biggest lesson we have ever had. So put your thinking caps on with your cooking uniforms and prepare to work!

First, we shall make Glacéd Apples that will be delicious for Christmas supper as well as for many other times during the winter. For this you will need one fine large baking apple for each person to be served. In the recipe we shall plan for five persons; you can make the amounts more or less proportionately as you need. In addition to the apples you will need sugar, butter and red vegetable coloring.

> This last is not essential to the recipe but is a pretty

addition that makes the dish more festive looking. It will be impossible for the recipe to tell you exactly how much coloring to use as the different brands vary in strength. The best way is to add a tablespoonful, let it dissolve and then see how

red the syrup appears. It should be a deeper color than you wish the finished apples to be. If the amount of coloring used is not enough, add another table-

spoonful and so on till the right color is made. One or two tablespoonfuls ought to be ample. If you happen to have some red granulated sugar in the pantry, use it instead of white for the final sprinkledon touch. But as white sugar does nicely, we would not bother to buy red for this use only.

APPLES GLACE

Select five large, firm, baking apples.

Wash and core.

Peel them about a third of the way down, starting at the stem end.

Place them in a deep baking dish. Choose a dish that has a close-fitting cover and is flat enough to allow the apples to set level, close together but not pressing against each other. Measure into a saucepan I cupful of sugar, I 1/2 cupful of

water and one tablespoonful of red vegetable coloring.

Bring to a boil and boil for 6 minutes.

Pour the hot syrup over the apples, being careful to drip it all over the top of each apple.

Cover the dish tightly and set it in the oven which should be heated to 400 degrees.

Bake for 20 minutes, then reduce the heat to 375 degrees and bake till tender which will take about 25 minutes more, 45 minutes in all. Do not bake them so long that the apples lose their shape and get mussy

Twice during the baking, take the cover off the baking dish and ladle the sauce over the apples. This is called "basting" the apples and gives them the shiny, glaced look that is so attractive. It should be done with a large cooking spoon and care must be taken to use thick holders while removing the baking dish cover

When the apples are tender, remove the cover from the dish and draw the dish to the edge of the oven or place it on a table near-by.

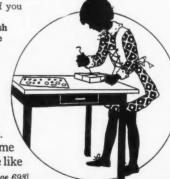
Into each apple drop r teaspoonful of butter. This butter should be measured out while the apples are baking so that you are ready to work quickly.

On top the butter, put a teaspoonful of sugar and sprinkle

a little more sugar over the peeled surface of the apple. This is the place to use red sugar if you have it.

Place the baking dish under the flame of the broiler until the sugar melted and the peeled section is a dainty brown. This will not take long. Watch your apples carefully as the sugar will scorch easily if left under the flame too long.

As for serving, some like them hot, some like



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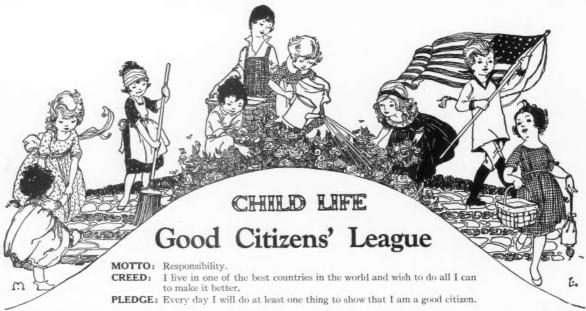
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A GOOD CITIZEN'S **CHRISTMAS**

WONDER why we like Christmas better than any other holiday," said David. "We have big family dinners at Thanksgiving time and we get presents on our birthdays. But we like Christmas best."

"I think it's because it's Jesus' birthday," said Miriam softly.

"Yes, I thought of that," said David thoughtfully, "and yet Easter, the day of the Resurrection, is just as beautiful. What do you think, Miss Bradley?"

Miss Bradley, the counselor, smiled at the members of the Brocton Good Citizens' League. "I think we like Christmas the best, because on that day, more than at any other time, we think of giving. The bustle of preparation, the presents we receive and the jolly family dinner may be incidents that help to make our memory of the day a happy one, but our real joy comes in bringing happiness to others, in memory of the gifts which the Wise Men made to the Baby King on that first Christmas day."

"That's right," David declared fervently. "I'm having more fun making a hanging bookshelf for Mother's Christmas than I've ever had."

This was the signal for the others to begin. Each one, it seemed, was enthusiastic over some gift that he

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

- I made a present for a needy child.
 I helped pack a basket for a needy family.
 I made a present for a relative or friend.
- 4. I made some of my own Christmas
- 5. I sent a Christmas card to an older person who might not receive many

- 5. I sent a Christmas card to an older person who might not receive many gifts or cards.
 6. I mended some old toys to give away.
 7. I helped give a Christmas to the birds, by throwing out crumbs and tying suet to a tree.
 8. I earned the money with which to buy one of my Christmas gifts.
 9. I helped Mother carry her packages when she went shopping.
 10. I did some work as a surprise for Father.
 11. I helped with a Christmas play or entertainment.
 12. I learned a Christmas carol I did not know before.
 13. I read or listened to the story of the first Christmas.
 15. I took some Christmas greens to school—or Sunday school—to help decorate the classroom.
 16. I helped decorate my home for Christmas.
 17. I learned how the children of another
- mas.
 17. I learned how the children of another
- country celebrate Christmas.

 18. I learned how some of the old-time
 American children celebrated
 Christmas.
- 19. I did not tease to know about my
 Christmas gifts or try to find them.
 20. I went to bed when told on Christmas
- 21. I had only kind and unselfish thoughts when Christmas came.

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21. I had only kind and unselfish thoughts when Christmas came.

22. I was careful not to scatter my presents throughout the house.

23. I did some work about the house that made the Christmas work easier for my mother.

24. I thanked everyone promptly who remembered me at Christmas.

25. I either joined a group of carolers who sang in the neighborhood or sang a Christmas caro for my family.

An Honor Point is awarded for each day one or more good citizenship deeds are recorded. The monthly Honor Roll lists the names of those who earn twenty-five or more points, and there is a prize for members who earn zoo points during eight consecutive months. Although it is desirable to do as many of the good citizenship deeds suggested above as possible, it is not necessary, and any good deed that you record will count. At the beginning of the month, write your name and address at the top of a blank sheet of paper, then each day you can record the date and your deed (or deeds) for that day. Send your December lists in time to reach us by January S, if you want to see your names on the Honor Roll. If a grown-up counselor is in charge of a branch league, she may send us a list of the members, with the number of Honor Points each one deserves.

had bought or made, that would give particular happiness to someone else. They might find ways of proving their love for their fathers and mothers and friends all through the year, but Christmas brought them the best opportunity of all to make their loved ones happy.

"Giving seems to be the word we use more often than any other at Christmas time," said Miss Bradley. "We even speak of giving a Christmas entertainment, which is fitting, because if we are successful we bring our audience much happiness. Our league has been asked to present a Christmas play at school this year. I am wondering if you would like to give it afterwards at the orphans' home and the old people's retreat."

"We certainly would," said Elizabeth. "I wish, too, that each one of us could bring some Christmas happiness to someone who might not be remembered."

This suggestion worried a few of the members who didn't have much money to spend; but they soon learned that it didn't necessarily take money. When Christmas had finally come and gone, leaving them tired but happy afterwards, and they had presented their Christmas play three times for three very enthusiastic audiences, they held their final meeting of the month.

"I mended some of my old books

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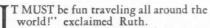
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world!" exclaimed Ruth. Robert nodded, and gazed thoughtfully at the new globe in front of him. 'Specially if you can go on one of those 'floating palaces' Captain Wells was telling us about,' he murmured drowsily.

Then he closed his eyes for just one moment while

he thought over the homecoming party they had just attended for Mildred Wells' seagoing father, and the interesting gifts they had all received. Ruth and Robert had been given the new globe and had eagerly listened to the Captain's adventures.

A low laugh made him sit up with a start.
"I just dropped in a moment to show you how it works," said Captain Wells, bending over the globe and lighting one candle. "I bought it from a queer East Indian magician who said he was a thousand years old. And he said the globe was magic.'

Robert peered around the room and shivered delightedly. Everything was very still and he could almost imagine the strange shadows on the wall were mysterious brown men from India doing native dances and performing exciting tricks.

"I brought it more than 30,000 miles," continued Robert's old friend, "because it's the only globe like this in the world. See, I just press it three times here and then—"

Robert drew in a deep breath. "Why, it's a living globe!" he whispered.

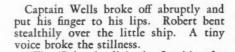
The globe in front of him had grown larger

and larger, and brighter and brighter. The oceans began to heave like real oceans. The rivers began to flow. Then, suddenly that portion of the world where there was daylight grew very bright, and the region where there was night grew darker

and darker.
"Look," whispered
Robert excitedly. "Even tiny ships sailing on the oceans!"

The Captain picked up one of them and let Robert examine it through a very powerful magnifying glass. It was perfect in every detail-a real ocean liner.

"It's a model of my ship—the Belgenland," he explained. "And when I put it here at the port of New York it will follow the course I last took around the world. An invisible elf on board steers it and if you listen closely, he'll tell you about the trip and-



"The 'Belgenland' is the flagship of a great fleet of the Red Star Line," whispered the invisible elf. "In the summer this ship takes trips like the rest of the fleet back and forth from Europe to New York. Every winter, though, just before Christmas, the 'Belgenland' starts around the world, following the sun.

The elf paused for breath and Robert smiled at aptain Wells. "That's the trip you told us about," Captain Wells. he whispered.

The tiny voice went on again. "Have you ever seen the real 'Belgenland'? It is a palace with its many great big rooms. Some are larger than you have ever seen. Others are bedrooms—just think of it—for more than one thousand people. And the playroom—what a good time you could have there! All the boys and girls who ride on this ship have such fun with the games and toys-the hobby horses, electric trains, dolls for the girls, and oh, so many puzzles! Yes-sir-ee, Santa is with you for 133 days, for that's how long it takes the ship to go around the world!"

Suddenly the invisible elf stopped speaking. The tiny model of the "Belgenland" gave a soft toot and slid out into the sparkling blue ocean.

Robert watched breathlessly as little puffs of smoke came from the funnels. At each place the ship stopped, the smoke grew bluer and bluer and in its midst cloud pictures of strange

regions began to appear.

'I bet that's Havana—the first stop,'' whispered Robert as he saw some Cuban children at play. And Captain Wells,

at his side, nodded. 'Panama Canal next and then on to California, he added, as the ship swiftly sailed on her way. Robert restrained a shout. "Look, there's Hawaii and see the Japanese children flying their kites! Aren't they quaint with their almond eyes and pretty kimonos? And here we are in China!" For the next few moments I.obert was kept busy watching the ship on the magic globe. Smoke pictures of the Philippine

Islands-where the American flag blew overhead—came next, followed shortly by fascinating Siam. Then came (Continued on page 694)





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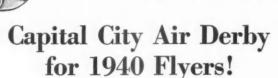
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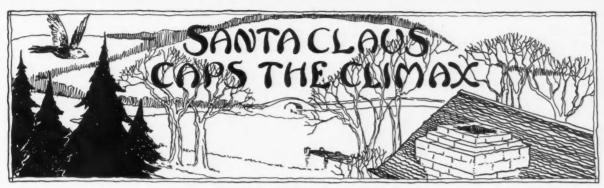
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Polks often wonder where chimney swifts spend the winter. Father Chimney Swift chuckled to himself as he rowed along above the autumn fields using first one wing, then the other, like an oar. His kind cousin, Mr. Harry Nighthawk, had just sent him word by Percy Pigeon of a very promising winter apartment. Father Chimney Swift meant to investigate it at once. It was high time he was getting the family settled for the long, cold months. Straight over the tallest fir trees he flew until he came to a friendly wooden house with a wide brick chimney.

"This must be the place," mused Father Chimney Swift as he inspected Harry Nighthawk's telegram again. "Yes, white house surrounded by pine trees close to lake. Family gone to town for season."

Down the chimney he dipped, head first, hanging on to the rough stones with his sharp claws and sharper tail.

"Just the place for Mother and the children," he decided happily. "Well dried out by summer fires. As safe as safe can be! I must see to moving at once. There's that matter of new calling cards to attend to, also. I'll order some elegant birch-bark ones from Peter Woodpecker to-morrow."

Feeling very important and quite busy, he darted home to tell Mother Chimney Swift and the babies the good news. Now Mother Chimney Swift was an excellent housekeeper, very economical in all her ways. She produced at once a

great batch of twigs which she had snapped off the trees with her beak and stored safely away against just such an emergency.

"For once we'll have a really grand home!" she sighed happily. "Only I do wish, Chester dear, that I had some of those lovely bits of colored wool to decorate the place."

Father Chimney Swift didn't see where she could

possibly find such luxuries this time of year with ladies no longer doing their fancywork out-of-doors. He was quite frank to add also that a woman ought to be satisfied with a strong nest in a sound spot without any fussy touches.

So they tended to the construction of the neat little home which they glued together in lattice form with juices from their mouths and stuck firmly to the inside of the chimney. They were able to move in, bag and baggage, on the birds' October Moving Day. The months passed rapidly and before they knew it, cold December came in with its snows and sleet. The bird family were snug as could be in their cozy little house. When a bit of snow drifted down the chimney Mother Chimney Swift brushed it off tidily with her straw-

stick broom. The children loved to wade about in the smaller drifts. But she had to forbid it because she was quite sure they would get their feet wet, and no careful mother could stand for that.

Meantime old Mr. Santa Claus was busily making preparations in his North Pole workshop for a Merry Christmas. He never once thought of the Chimney Swift family, for whoever heard of giving presents to birds? The morning mail a few days before Christmas brought in a huge sack of letters.

"My correspondence is certainly growing heavy," sighed Santa. "Here, Mrs. Claus, is another change of address.

Little Willy Wiggle says to be sure and remember that he's spending the holidays in the country this year. Just jot it down in my notebook, please."

Little Willy Wiggle would have been so pleased if he had only heard that, for he was very nervous for fear his note had gone astray. For the thousandth time he fretted to his mother as they climbed into the big automobile on the day before Christmas,



"Do you suppose Santa will remember? We've never spent Christmas in the country before!"

Willy Wiggle's mother had more than that to worry about before they reached the country home, for an enor-

mous snow storm set in and Willy Wiggle's father could scarcely see a few feet ahead of him. Night was coming on, too, and they could glimpse no lights through the cloudy mists of whirling snowflakes. They floundered dizzily

ahead until the big wheels ran into a high drift and refused to spin again.

"Oh, dear," sobbed Willy Wiggle's mother. "Whatever will we do?"

Of course, Santa Claus wasn't running into any such difficulties with his fine sleigh. The reindeer were in excellent shape this crystal Christmas Eve. Their heads thrown back, their bells ringing, they sailed merrily over the snow-banked hills and valleys. Santa was studying his notebook and sorting out gifts.

"Whoa, there, boys!" he called. "This must be the place where we leave Willy Wiggle's sword and drum."

All this time Mother Chimney Swift, in the warm little nest, was singing her babies to sleep. Little Johnny Chimney Swift was being very naughty. He refused to close his eyes.

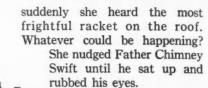
"But, Mother, I tell you, I heard two boys on the road talking about a man named Santa Claus. He is going to bring them a lot of presents to-night. Will he bring me something, too?"

It was exciting the rest of the children, though Mother Chimney Swift explained patiently over and over again that Santa Claus

doesn't come to birds.
"But it's not fair! I want him to!" sobbed silly little Sarah Chimney Swift.

Long after she had quieted them all down Mother Chimney Swift lay wide awake wondering how she could make a real Christmas for her babies. There just didn't seem

to be any way out. It was a good thing, too, that she had not fallen asleep, for



"Oh, hurry, Chester, and see what's the matter."

> Father Chimney Swift had just pulled on his sooty gray trousers when a great big foot felt its way cautiously over the top of the chimney. Both Mother and Father Chimney

Swift set up such a clamor that the boot disappeared and a funny red face with long white whiskers peered down the chimney instead.

"Bless my soul," said the booming voice, "if it isn't a cozy little family of chimney swifts!"

And "Mercy me!" exclaimed Mother Chimney Swift. "If it isn't Mr. Santa Claus!"

"My sakes!" said Santa Claus. "This is a fine how-to-do! I've had word to deliver Christmas presents here. And the house is empty except for a family of birds!"

"Maybe you're supposed to leave the gifts for my babies," suggested Mrs. Chimney Swift hopefully with a pretty curtsy.

"I'm afraid they wouldn't take kindly to a sword and drum," chuckled Santa Claus. "This is a difficulty. Here I'm supposed to take on a Christmas for the birds, too."

He peered into his pack with dismay.

"Dolls and rattles and bicycles and tops but never a single marble bird bath!"

"Oh, I'm sure my darlings wouldn't want anything so expensive as that," protested Mother Chimney Swift prettily. "You're such a clever man though, Santa! I'm sure you'll think of some tiny gift for them." It wasn't exactly polite to ask for things, she knew. But she couldn't bear to have her babies disappointed.

"Well, at any rate I'll help you move your

nest," promised Santa Claus, smiling with pleasure at Mother Chimney Swift's bit

of pretty
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Santa goes on a Toy inspection and reports

Knowing what a problem it is for you to decide just what you want for Christmas, I bitched up my two reindeer and made a personal tour of the place where Wolverine toys are created. There I found many, many intersing things you all would like. . . . And to help you, I have listed the most enjoyable of these. Take your choice and write me early.

Santa Claus



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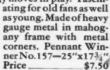
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CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS

By MIRIAM M. WHITE



HERE are twelve Christmas tree decorations you can make yourself. They are of all sizes, shapes, and colors. They will make your tree as gay and festive as you can wish.

PAINTED PARAFFIN BALLS

Heat a cake of paraffin until it is soft enough to mold into balls. Make them any size you wish. From a spool of wire, not too fine, cut pieces from four to six inches long. These are to hang the balls from the tree. Before each ball hardens, insert one end of a piece of wire into it. When the wires are firmly held in the balls, paint each ball a bright color with oil paints.

SNOWFLAKES

Cut a circle with a four-inch diameter out of white or gold paper. Fold the four-inch circle in half. Now fold this into thirds, so that when the paper is opened you will see six creases going out from the center. Keep the circle folded in sixths, and cut a big V out of the top. This makes all six points of the star at once. With sharp scissors or a knife make a lacy pattern by cutting out delicate designs, such as tiny circles, zigzags, triangles, and by punching holes.

Next open out the star, and brush over it lightly with a thin, clear mucilage. As quickly as possible shake mica crystals over it. You can buy a box of these at the ten-cent store, and one box is enough for many snowflakes. When the first side is dry, cover the other side in the same way.

SNOWBALLS

Cut two circles the same size out of white cloth. Sew them together, leaving an opening into which you can stuff cotton batting, to make a ball. Sew up the opening. Then brush over the balls with thin transparent mucilage, and roll in mica crystals. Hang them on the tree.

CORNUCOPIAS

There are two very pretty ways to hang candy on the tree besides stringing it.

One is to put it in bright colored cornucopias.

To make one of these, take a six-inch square of plain or figured paper. Fold this in half to make a triangle, and crease. Now open it out, and lay it in front of you so that the crease is running toward you. Take the corner to your right and fold it over to the center crease. Do the same with the corner to your left, and crease both flaps down. Their sides should touch in the middle of the crease.

Open out the right flap, leaving the left one folded over. Put glue on it. Now hold your hand under this flap, between it and the back of the cornucopia. Fold the right hand flap over the other, until the one with glue is covered by it. Press them together until they are firmly glued. Punch a hole in the tip at the back of the cornucopia and run a ribbon through to suspend it from the tree.

BONBONNIERES

Cut an oblong of white tissue paper six inches long and five inches wide. Cut fringe an inch deep at each of the narrow ends. With water colors paint the fringe on one end red and on the other end green. Lay a big piece of candy in the center of the paper and twist the ends around it. Fluff out the fringe. You can hang these to the tree by tying colored string around the twisted part.

CANDY FESTOONS

String small, bright-colored candies on heavy thread. Select candies that are not too hard for a needle to go through.

POP-CORN FESTOONS

Pop grains of pop corn, and string them with a needle and thread to festoon on the tree.

PAPER CHAINS

Cut colored paper into strips four and a half inches by one and a half inches. Red and green, or gold and silver are effective combinations. Paste one end of

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At Last! A Christmas Economy for Parents that Lives for Many Years!



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They have met all the stringent requirements of the Child Life Home Laboratory and qualified fully on the counts of mechanical perfection, construction, safety and workmanship.

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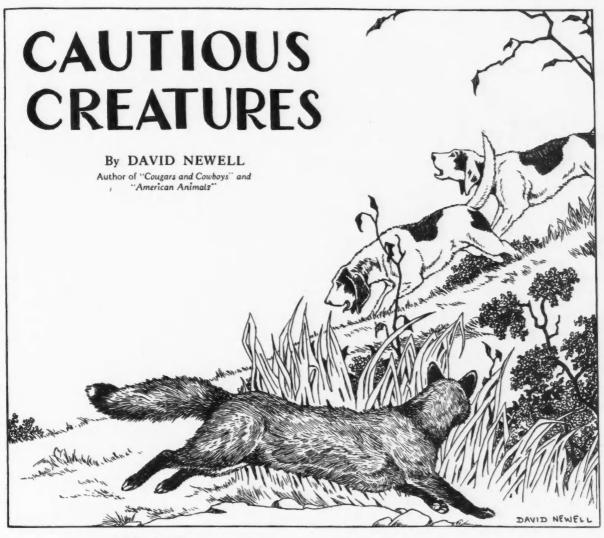
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RED FOX

HERE you see an old red fox up to one of his smart tricks? He had been wandering around all night, stealing a fat hen from Farmer Jim's yard, catching a field mouse on the hillside, and snooping around in other places where he had no business. Just at daylight he heard the baying of hounds floating over the hills, and he fluffed his tail and growled, for he could tell from the direction of the dogs that they were on his trail.

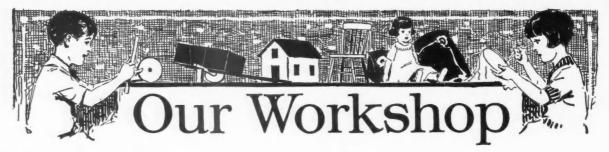
As a matter of fact, I hope you children won't have *too* much sympathy for red fox, because he is really not very scared, you know. These same dogs have chased him many a time before, and he is more annoyed than anything else. Sometimes when he is feeling good, he really enjoys a good run with the hounds, but this particular morning he is tired and wants to curl up in a shady place to sleep. So when the dogs get closer he immediately doubles back on his own track to fool them. You can see that he is running right back in the direction from

which the dogs have come!

But the two hounds are eager and fresh, and they will soon straighten out the trail and go bawling off after red fox as hard as they can go. Then he'll have to resort to more tricks. It would take me almost two years to tell you about all the tricks red fox has in his sly little brain, but one of his best ones is to find a stream of running water. It would not do him any good to cross a pond, because dogs can trail better in water than on land—that is, if the water is not running. But when red fox finds a stream he will wade along in the edge of it for a quarter of a mile or more, and then run out into a field.

In some parts of the country, red fox must watch carefully for fishers. These big, black weasels are fierce and strong, and all foxes are afraid of them. But as a rule, dogs and men are what red fox has to outwit, and old fox hunters will tell you that he is pretty good at fooling both dogs and men!

(For contest directions see page 679)



O YOUR Christmas workshopping early!
Then there will be time to complete each gift that you start. It is fun making gifts when

you need not rush the work, but not when you attempt several days' work in one. Then things generally go wrong, and you complete part of the gifts, and must promise the others. That is disappointing. Bear in mind that paint or enamel must be applied carefully, and that it requires time to dry. A last minute job seldom is satisfactory.

The toy wardrobe trunk shown in Figure 1 is just what your sister or girl cousin needs for her tiny dolls' things. The drawing shows a model made by my daughter, Ruth, eleven years old, with one or two improvements which add to its completeness. The trunk box is one of the small recipe cabinets sold in stationery stores (Figure 2). It measures $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and 4 inches high. You can build a box like it out of the thin wood of cigar boxes, but it probably will not be as strong.

Having obtained the box, line the inside with wallpaper. The paper must have a small pattern. If you do not find suitable paper in the storeroom, go to a paint store. The dealer probably has an old wallpaper sample book from which he will tear out something suitable. A small piece is enough. Cut two pieces of equal size to fit in the box top and bottom, coat them with library paste, slip them

By A. NEELY HALL

Author of "Making Things with Tools," "Big Book of Boys' Hobbies,"
"Homemade Toys for Girls and Boys," etc

A DOLL'S WARDROBE TRUNK AND A SOLITAIRE PUZZLE BOARD

and corners neatly.

into place, and smooth out all wrinkles with a cloth. Then cut strips to fit the sides and ends of the box and cover, and paste them to the wood. Fit the edges

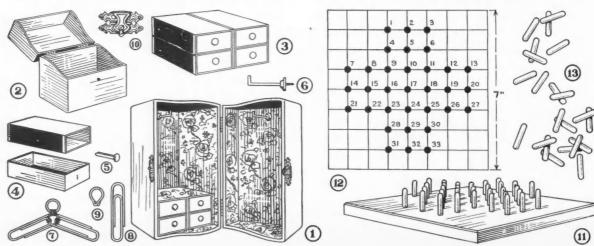
The four drawers are safety-match boxes. Placed side by side, they will be a trifle narrower than the inside width of the box. Fit a piece of cardboard between them (Figure 3) so that they will make a snug fit. Glue the boxes to the cardboard and to each other, then coat their sides with glue, and slip the four into the trunk box. Remove each box from its slide cover (Figure 4), and attach a roundheaded paper fastener (Figure 5) to the end for a knob. Paste a strip of the wallpaper lining to the top of the drawers.

Buy two screw-hooks (Figure 6), and screw them into the inside of the trunk bottom and cover, as shown in Figure 1, to support coat hangers. Make several coat hangers like that in Figure 7 of paperclips of the forms shown in Figures 8 and 9. Lap the larger clips, as shown in Figure 8, and sew them together with thread; then sew one of the smaller clips to them for a ring to loop over the trunk hooks.

Finish the outside of the wardrobe trunk with green, red or black enamel. You can apply enamel, but not lacquer, directly over the varnished surface.

An ornamental box catch of the form shown in Figure 10 makes a good trunk lock. Buy one at

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CAUTIOUS CREATURES

CONTEST

N PAGE 677 you will find a story and picture of "Red Fox," fourth of six stories and pictures about animals to be published in the Cautious Creatures Contest, which David Newell, the well-known artist naturalist, is conducting for the readers of CHILD LIFE. In the August issue you read about "Gray Squirrel," in the September number about "Deer," in the October issue about "Jack Rabbit," and in the November issue about "Flying Squirrel." Choose three of the animals in the contest and write a story about them. This story must not be over five hundred words in length and should tell how each of the three animals escapes its enemies, where it lives, and what it eats.

There will be eight prizes for the best stories. The first prize will be a pet puppy and an autographed copy of David Newell's interesting new book, "American Animals." The second prize will be autographed copies of "Cougars and Cowboys" and "American Animals," both by Mr. Newell; the next six prizes will be copies of the animal book.

When the contest is concluded (the last story and picture of the contest will appear in the January issue), send your stories to David Newell, care CHILD LIFE, 536 S. Clark Street, Chicago, Ill., before January 12, 1930. You do not have to buy CHILD LIFE in order to enter the contest. Copies may be read at our office or at nearly all public libraries.

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CHRISTMAS PINES

BERNICE POWELL PEABODY

O LITTLE Pine Tree in the wood,

Perhaps, if you are very good, When Christmas comes, they'll let you wear

A Christmas present in your hair!

Im a most important person though I'm small and hard and brown My name is Johnnie Wheatseed. and I grow outside your I'll go to sleep in the next fall, the will keep me warm, Then Mr will ripen me all summer on the Jones can harvest me when I am plump and brown And send me in a long, fast to bright, Wheatena town Tis here that all small #-seeds hope that some day they may come, To be made into Wheatena and, within this spotless home, Be roasted in bright, giant pans until they're sweet and good, And full of Ike flavor that all love in food Wheatena builds sound bodies. So, boys and girls, Wheatena is the cereal

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but my mother makes things good!"

THE photographer caught her in her bright red legging-suit and bright red mittens, leaning on the fence, against dazzling snow. We couldn't help asking, "You drink lots of milk, don't you?" knowing by her pink, full cheeks

that she did. She laughed till her dimples showed, "Oh, yes!"

"Do you eat fruit at breakfast?"
"Yes!"

"And do you like eggs?"

She thought it was a game. "Yes!"
"And carrots?"

"Yes!"

"You do?"

She widened her eyes at us. "Why?" "Well, most little girls your age

don't, do they?"

"Yes, but my mother makes things good!" And she was leaning again placidly on the fence, smiling at us.

Yes, and all mothers should make things good, we thought, and wanted every mother to be sure their little girls and boys drink plenty of milk, and eat plenty of good milk desserts. "Custards," we wanted to say . . "Cream Tapioca" . . . "Chocolate Mousse"—seeing the white snow all around for easy packing.

Then we wondered how many mothers were putting a little sugar in the child's cereal so she would enjoy that dish. And how many were preparing fruit with a little sugar for breakfast and dessert. We wanted every mother to know about heating the canned

vegetables with a little sugar (or cooking the fresh vegetables with a little) to make these taste better.

Contented children—happy children—can scarcely be less than wellfed children. The wonder of sugar is the way it helps mothers make things "good," for good food promotes good health.

Try cooking six beets in boiling water with a level teaspoon of sugar. Cook till tender. Chill, slip off skins, slice, cover with two tablespoons melted butter—a little salt, sugar, paprika. The Sugar Institute, 129 Front Street, New York City.

Here are three perfect menus for one snowy day. Use them on the same day. They total a balanced diet.

BREAKFAST (warming and awakening)

Hot Wheat Cereal with Sliced Apples, a little
Sugar, and Cream
*Mushrooms with Bacon Buttered Toast
Hot Cocoa

LUNCHEON (nourishing and good)

Hot Celery Bouillon *Popcorn-and-Egg Balls
*Egg Shirred with Tomatoes
*Beet Salad *Cottage Cheese Dressing
Milk Cinnamon-and-Sugar Cookies

DINNER (quick to prepare, sure to please)

*Rice Mold filled with Chopped Chicken,
Gravy, and Tomato Sauce

*Steamed Spinach
*Orange "Pie" with "Frozen Whipped Cream
Milk

The recipes starred will be sent gladly on request.

CHRISTMAS IN CAROL AND SONG

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"Lulla, lulla, thou little tiny child; By, by, lullay, lullay, thou little tiny child,

By, by, lullay, lullay."

So you see that the real Christmas spirit in Grandfather's time, as well as our own, is expressed in music. Joyous singing cannot be separated from our festival of Jesus' birth any more than the Fourth of July can be celebrated without the Stars and Stripes. For Christmas songs and Christmas chimes are natural expressions of our loyalty to the standards of love and kindness which were given to us by the Holy Christmas Child.

Worship and wholesome fun have always gone hand in hand at Yuletide. The old English custom of going "a-wassailing" on the Eve of the Twelfth Day after Christmas, must have been loads of fun. The boys and girls would go out after supper into the orchard with a large pan full of cider, and standing under a most fruitful tree, they would sing:

"Here's to thee, old apple tree! Whence thou mayst bud and

whence thou mayst blow, And whence thou mayst have apples enow.

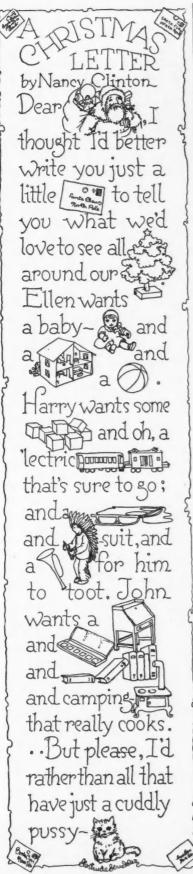
Hats full, caps full,
Bushel-bushel-sacks full,
And my pockets full too.
Hurrah!"

And after drinking part of the cider, the rest was thrown on the tree amid the shouting of the company. Now that was called "wassailing" the trees, and since "wassail" means (in the old Anglo-Saxon language) good health, it was not long before the youths and maidens began to "wassail" (to wish good health to) friends and neighbors. And so door-to-door singing of this old carol was begun:

"Here we come a-wassailing
Among the leaves so green,
Here we come a-wandering,
So fair to be seen "

In very olden days the people sang and feasted from midnight Christmas Eve to the twelfth day after the day of Jesus' birth. Later on, in Scotland and in England, caroling from door to door, by boys

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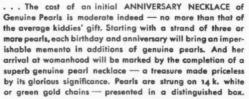
The Christmas Story of the Happiest Girl in the World



guess Santa did read my letter because on my Christmas itree was a package all done up in red ribbon...and inside was a beautiful boxand when lopened it I found just what I always dreamed for a wonderful ANNIVERSARY PEARL NECKLACE! ... I was awfully proud and happy! Mother says they are GENUINE PEARLS from the Orient and just think! Aunt Elsie and Uncle Ted promise more pearls for my birthday... I am going to treasure my ANNIVERSARY NECKLACE always and as it grows and grows with each birthday and anniversary till I'm a big lady it will be the most perfect gift of all gifts I ever receive



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THE WILLOW WHISTLE

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closed his eyes and listened to the whispering of the lightly hung leaves and the comfortable munching of Sancho on the bank above his head. He must go on in a few more minutes to look for Mary Anne, but he knew enough to keep lazily quiet and to rest completely as he lay for that short time upon the sand. Sancho came, obediently, at his whistle when it was time to saddle and ride on once more.

Eric traveled more slowly now, looking anxiously at the ground, as he rode. If any of the Sioux Indians had come this way, bringing Mary Anne, he might, with good luck, catch sight of the trail left by their horses. there was soft ground near a water course, wherever the fresh grass had been newly trampled, or the branches of a willow thicket had been recently broken, he drew rein and studied the marks with the most anxious care. There were plenty of the big cleft footprints of buffalo, or the marks of the small sharp hoofs of deer and antelope. The bent and broken twigs among the willows showed where a buck deer had slept the night before and, startled by some unfamiliar sound, had jumped up and gone crashing away through the low, tangled branches. But of the traces of horses' feet he found none.

It was late afternoon when they mounted the first slope that brought them into the hill country. All about them ran little streams in beds so narrow that they seemed like deep cracks cut between the rocky ridges. Eric stopped his pony and stood wondering and hesitating on the crest of the first hill. It would take hours to explore even one of the creeks and there were a dozen to choose from. And in not more than two hours it would be dark. Which way should he go? Sancho settled the question by halfsliding, half-cantering down the nearest slope toward the largest pool of water they had yet seen. He was thirsty and cool water was near; that was enough. As Eric sat waiting for him to lift his head from his luxurious drinking, the boy saw plainly in the soft earth

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beside them, the trampled print of hoofs. This time they were not deer or buffalo tracks; they were the marks of the unshod feet of an Indian pony. He interrupted his horse's gulping with an abrupt jerk of the reins.

"Go, on, Sancho," he ordered in fierce excitement.

The creek wound and twisted in and out among the hills. Eric followed it mile after mile, looking, listening, getting down now and again, as the shadows grew deeper, to examine the wet margin of the stream. Once, then again, he found new footprints; he was going in the right direction. At every turn of the crooked way he would think, "Now, I will find them," but each new stretch of the narrow valley was as empty as the last.

The ravine broadened at last to a green, grassy bowl, wide enough to catch a final gleam from the dropping sun. A spur of rocks ran down from the ridge almost to the edge of the water, but all the rest of the hillside was smooth and covered with close-growing sod. The stream wound through the level space at the bottom, its banks covered with fresh, green willows. Eric and Sancho stood still and looked and looked.

Was that a faint curl of smoke going up from beyond the rocks? It was so thin and transparent that he could not be sure. Was that an animal moving up the far slope of the valley? Was it a deer grazing, or a pony with a deer-colored coat? And if it were a pony, if that were the smoke of a burned out camp fire, to whom did both belong? To friendly Sioux Indians, or to hostile Arickarees? How could he know?

A little breeze stirred the willows. Something moved close to the green bank, something showing a glint of red. Then, drifting softly on the wind came a thin, wavering sound, a high, shrill piping. No Indian could have cut and fashioned and blown a green whistle that would blow that note. There was no one who knew just how except his friend and playmate whom he had come so far to seek.

"Mary Anne," he shouted with all his might and in answer the sound came again, the clear call of a willow whistle.

(The conclusion of "The Willow Whistle" will appear in the January issue of CHILD LIFE.)



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GOLDEN EAGLE

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taken charge of Two Feathers and would be his constant guide and protector.

"What next?" they asked. "Tell us of the dreams."

"In my dreams," continued Two Feathers, "each night the eagle disappeared and Mother-like-a-Red-Rose stood before me holding a shirt she was embroidering in red, blue, yellow flowers and purple flower-shadows, made from the quills of the porcupine. On the first night the flowers turned to birds, the following night to animals and the last night to stars. Mother-like-a-Red-Rose said,

"'Not all flowers are red; some are blue; some are yellow; each different-all flowers; all growing together in the meadows. So of birds; so of animals; so of stars. The Great Mystery has made them so; it is his will that they live in peace together."

"What next?" asked the braves.

"I hoped to bring a blessing for my people," continued Two Feathers. "I found only a child lost in the woods. He placed his hand in mine; his hand was white, my hand was red; I returned him to his people. I found no treasure." Two Feathers stopped speaking and stood humbly before them. Then Father Many Lightnings rose to his feet and said,

"This day the voice of the mighty eagle has spoken to the red man,

"'The Great Mystery has many people, red, white, yellow, black, brown; each different-all people. He has made them so; it is his will that they live together in peace, sharing all things, becoming as one people.'

"You have done well, my son. Your deed is the Indian's offer of peace to the white brothers beyond the prairie."

Then was given to Two Feathers his second name, Golden Eagle, and they fastened the beautiful white eagle feather upon his headdress, marked with the symbol of peace, that his great deed should not be forgotten among his people. But by his mother and father and those who knew him best he was still called Two Feathers, and so we shall continue to call him.

In the Moon of the Falling Leaves Two Feathers led his people over the hills to the home of the white brothers. They carried with them gifts of rice, skins and beautiful baskets. In return they were given cloth, beads, seeds and strange foods which they had never tasted. Before parting the Indians sang their peace songs and gave to the white brother the pipes of peace. There they promised one another that they would live in peace, that no one should wrongfully take what belonged to another; that each one would play fair when it came to hunting grounds, wild rice, berry patches, houses, fields, whatever they possessed; they would be as parents and children sharing what the Great Mystery had given them of earth and sky. This promise Two Feathers' tribe and the people of the Pale-Faced Brother's village never broke.



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A PICNIC-PARTY UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE

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and lettuce, each wrapped in waxed paper and tied with red and green ribbons. There is a deviled egg in each box, too, and a candy cane, two sugar cookies, a lovely frosted cup-cake trimmed with wee green and red candies, while last but not least, ice-cream cones are passed around with "A merry merry Christmas" to each and every one!

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MISS COLUMBIA

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Uncle Mose put on his long-tailed coat-a hand-me-down from his master-and hobbled out to the smaller cabins that surrounded his larger one to call the slaves together. Sarah had been very proud when Father promised that she might be the one to tell them of their free-dom; but when the Negroes had assembled and their eager black faces were looking into hers, she did not know what to say.

"Father has—has given you your freedom," she began timidly. "You are free-just like white folksnow."

The Negroes looked at her with unbelieving eyes, then Uncle Mose shook his old gray head. "No, Missy. Culled folks neber be free—

not till dey git to heabm."

"But you are," Sarah protested.
"Father has the papers in his

pocket."
"Don't you understand?" said
Captain Sterling. "You may still stay here, if you wish, and work for such wages as I can afford to pay, but you are free now-free to come and to go and to do as you wish.'

A great light seemed to break over their faces, and Uncle Mose fell on his knees before him. T'ank God a-mighty, Massa."

"I'm not your master now," said Captain Sterling gently, "and you

must not kneel to me."

"T'ank God a-mighty, Capt'n
Sterling." Uncle Mose rose to his feet with new dignity and, turning to his people, he led them in a song.

"O, good news, O, good news! De angels brought de tidings down, Just comin' from de trone.

"As grief from out my soul shall Just comin' from de trone; I'll shout salvation when I die, Good news, O good news, Just comin' from de trone."

The words rose in a chant, and the black bodies swayed and the black hands clapped accompaniment. Forgotten for the moment was the master who had given them their freedom; they had thoughts now only for another Master whose birthday had brought them "tidings of great joy." The winter sunshine was no brighter than their upturned faces, the peace of the white fields no greater than the peace within their hearts. Sarah and her father slipped quietly away and left them singing.

Christmas dinner was a solemn

affair, for though Mammy Chloe, the cook, had prepared her choicest delicacies, the knowledge rested on them like a cloud that Captain Sterling must leave when it was over. He brought out a handful of glittering gold pieces before he went.

"I didn't deposit all the money from the sale," he told his wife. "I wanted you and Sarah to have this little nest egg if anything should

happen."
"But if we should be invaded, we might have to abandon our home at a moment's notice," Mrs. Sterling protested. "Wouldn't it be wiser to put all the money in the bank?"

"If we are invaded, even the

banks may not prove safe. This

is war, you know."
"But we couldn't hide the gold pieces here, because the house might be burned; and we couldn't take them with us, because we might be searched."

"I know," said Sarah suddenly. "We'll let Miss Columbia keep the

money."
Her father smiled. "What do

you mean, child?'

For answer, Sarah undressed the doll and showed him the cloth body stuffed with sawdust. With the tiny scissors from her reticule she ripped open a seam and tucked the coins inside, one here, one there. She patted them in place, until the doll looked smooth; then with her mother's help she sewed the body

up again.
"I'm mighty proud of you,
Sarah," said her father. "Miss Columbia may be rather heavy, but what soldier would ever think of lifting her? And if you ever should have to flee from home, what is more natural than for a little girl to take her doll with her?"

Miss Columbia will keep our secret for us," said Sarah, and in answer Miss Columbia smiled her

painted smile.

Sarah was very brave when Father left, but after he had gone she cried herself to sleep on the sofa in the parlor. Darkness had fallen, when she was aroused by the sound of firing.

"Pop—pop—pop—pop!"
She sat up in alarm, and in her dazed, half-awakened state, it seemed that all the cannons of the Confederate army were thun-dering at their doors. She made a frantic grab for Miss Columbia and dashed up the stairs.

"Mother, Mother!" she screamed. "The invaders have come."

(Part II of "The Disappearance of Miss Columbia" will appear in the January issue of CHILD LIFE)

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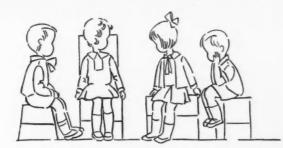
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The reindeer answers, "You'll have to catch me first."

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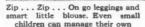
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taken between her grandmother and her mother (who came home for a few days at this time) to call upon Mademoiselle Lundberg. The old lady and Madame Lind were solemn, even a little grim. as they stepped into the flower-scented, curtained and frilled room of the Opera dancer. They did not know anything at all about dancing and singing and the theater or art in any form for that matter. Jenny's father was fond of singing jolly, rollicking songs but he was not a very wise and useful father and poor Madame Lind carried so many practical cares on her thin shoulders that she had lost a good deal of natural good cheer and breadth of mind and understanding. Poor little Jenny had grown just a bit afraid of her mother, for she was too young to realize the effect of care upon her, and so she stood a little subdued and rather small between the two older people.

But Mademoiselle Lundberg had had a great deal of experience with every kind of person, and as she had said herself she was very fond of children. So she gave the grandmother a smile and a comfortable chair and chatted to Madame Lind about her teaching and her trials and, taking Jenny's little round hat off, drew her by the hand to look at a bird in a cage. She gave the two women coffee and then she said

"I want to hear Jenny sing. Do you think she will sing for me? I know you sing to your big cat, Jenny, and—" Here she wound an arm around the little girl. "Don't you think I am nicer than a big cat?"

Jenny smiled and she had a very nice sweet smile. "I love my cat," she said, "but I think you are beautiful and I like to sing always—any time."

The grandmother leaned forward in her chair. "Once the little creature heard the soldiers' bugles in the street and when she was almost too little to climb to the stool she struggled up to the piano and played the exact air of those very bugles. I couldn't believe it was she and I said then, and nobody listened to me, that mark my words, this child will some day be heard from and will help her mother to better days."

Jenny's mother sighed. She did not think there was very much use in any of this and she was wondering how she could pay for a new pair of boots half as pretty as the pair the dancer was wearing.

And to tell the truth Mademoiselle Lundberg had begun to doubt if Johanna had heard quite right, for Jenny seemed such a simple, natural child—not at all marvelous—and she wondered if after all it would not be wise to get it over and let the old lady and tired mother go.

"But, nevertheless, I like the child immensely," she thought, "and I will give her a present whether she can sing or not."

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Gradually the big room filled and filled with her young voice—it floated and soared—it took possession of the whole world and turned the world into

The grandmother and Madame Lind listened gravely but with no emotion, but with Mademoiselle Lundberg it was different. At the first notes of Jenny's carefree song her two hands went to her heart with a gesture of suppressed excitement and as the melody grew and grew and the dancer came more and more to understand the promise of coming power in the exquisite voice of this child, she grew pale and her eyes filled with tears of delight.

Whether the bird in its cage suddenly forgot the bars in listening I do not know, but all at once it burst into a song, too, and Jenny with a little laugh of childish pleasure broke off and ran to it to listen and watch.

"It has such pretty black eyes," she cried, "and its little beak is open while it sings!"

Madame Lind rose nervously.

"You are very rude, Jenny, to break off when Mademoiselle is listening to you and I think we had better go now."

She had seen the tears in the dancer's eyes and, not understanding them, was embarrassed and anxious to be away.

Mademoiselle Lundberg rose from her chair slowly. Her state of mind was a good deal like that of Johanna under the window. Had she been carrying a shopping bag it would have fallen to the ground. But when she saw Madame Lind putting the little round hat on Jenny's head and the grandmother getting from the chair slowly and with a good deal of effort she suddenly came to herself and swept down upon Jenny with a rush of silk and enveloping arms.

"This is genius," she cried. "Nothing else. Jenny, little Jenny, this voice of yours will stir the world some day."

"Just as I told them about the bugles, but nobody would listen to me at all," murmered the grand-mother, tying her bonnet strings tightly under her chin.

"She must come on the operatic stage," went on the dancer eagerly, turning from one to the other, but at once the smile on Madame Lind's face stiffened and even the grandmother shook her head.

"We must talk, I see," said Mademoiselle with a little frown of battle on her smooth forehead.

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CHILD LIFE KITCHEN

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them cold, but either way, they'll be eaten up long before they're nine days old!

In our kitchen, we never use a new recipe on a special day; we try it out first so we can be sure we understand it. So we suggest that you make these glacéd apples two or three times during December so you can do them easily and perfectly when the great day arrives. But-and this is an important suggestion-do not use any red coloring or red sugar till you make them for Christmas. Save the red for the Christmas surprise.

Now we want to make something for our Christmas candy boxes and for the party at school. For the candy boxes we plan to make fudge and candied peel-both orange and grapefruit-and nut brittle and some small star cookies garnished with candied cherries. Then we shall make some new stuffed dates which we think you will enjoy.

MARSHMALLOW DATES

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Cut fine large marshmallows into quarters. Have ready a dish of freshly grated coconut.

Put a quarter of a marshmallow into a date in place of the pit, being careful to keep the cut side of the marshmallow to the outside. This is important.

Firm the date back into shape till a narrow rim of the marshmallow shows

Roll in fresh coconut. The coconut will stick to the date and to the cut surface of the marshmallow and the flavors combine

Arrange neatly on paraffin paper till ready to pack into boxes. And now for our last recipe-aren't we having a good time this month?

CHRISTMAS POP-CORN BALLS

Pop enough corn to make about three quarts.

Pick over and remove all defective pieces and the kernels that did not pop.

Put the selected corn into a large mixing bowl.

Into a saucepan put 11/2 cupfuls of sugar, 1/2 cupful of water, 1/4 teaspoonful of salt, and 11/2 to 2 tablespoonfuls of red vegetable coloring. (As we said in the other recipe, you will have to test the color yourself. Use enough to make the syrup a bright, bright red so that it will show well when spread over the corn.)

Boil to 270 degrees by your candy thermometer or till a drop tests brittle when dropped into a cupful of cold water.

Pour over the pop corn, stirring all the while till every kernel of corn is covered. Hold the saucepan in your left hand and pour while stirring with your right hand. After all the syrup is poured out, set the saucepan aside and hold the bowl with your left hand and stir the corn thoroughly.

As soon as the mixture is cool enough to touch, butter your hands a bit and mold the corn into balls about the size of a very small orange. Small balls are easier to serve and to eat than large ones.

If the balls are to be kept two or three days, wrap them at once in paraffin paper, twisting the ends tightly to exclude the air. Make them the day they will be used, if possible.

If you are making a large quantity of pop-corn balls for a party, make one recipe with red syrup and one with green, using green coloring. Generally the green vegetable coloring is more intense than the red, so use just half the amount till you are sure of the strength of the dye. The red and green balls piled on a white platter and decorated with holly make a very attractive service.

[See next page]



Baby-Nan meets Mrs. Santa Claus

T WAS Christmas Eve.

"Close your eyes tight," Mother

whispered, "for Santa won't come, unless you're asleep!" And Baby-Nan did go to sleep, the very next instant!

But several hours later, Baby-Nan awoke with a start! Someone . . . someone was in her room!

"It's Mrs. Santa Claus," said a sweet voice. "Santa Claus told me to ask you whether you've been an awfully good girl?"
"I'm very good," Baby-Nan answered, "most of the time.

It's only that I don't drink all my milk."
"In that case," said Mrs. Santa, "I'm glad I came. I'll speak to your Aunt Jane when she comes over from Grandma's and get her to fix you a new kind of milk-you'll love it-Postummade-with-milk." And, kissing Baby-Nan, Mrs. Santa Claus left her.

Next morning, Baby-Nan was up bright and early. And the

first person she saw was Aunt Jane.

"Baby-Nan," Aunt Jane said, at the breakfast table, "I ran into Mrs. Santa Claus, just as I arrived here last night. And she told me about a brand-new way to fix your milk-Postummade-with-milk. Here it is.'

And before Baby-Nan could say a word about how she had seen Mrs. Santa, too, she had drunk up a whole cupful of the nicest, warmest, loveliest drink she ever had tasted!

"No wonder Mrs. Santa said it was good," said Baby-Nan, happily.

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Robert gasped.

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"I want to visit them, too!" shouted Robert. It was the first time he had spoken aloud.

The little ship, backing out from her pier, tooted softly and then vanished. The globe whirled around and around and also faded away. Then Captain Wells, too, was gone.

Robert sat up with a start and rubbed his eyes.

"Oh, Ruth!" he exclaimed. "I've just had a wonderful dream about a magic globe and Captain Wells' trip around the world!"

"Well, the trip is real enough." said Ruth as she listened to his story, "and so are those big ships. I remember the address to write to for more information about the famous cruises of the International Mercantile Marine Company."

"So do I!" laughed Robert. "For all the White Star, Red Star and Atlantic Transport Lines, you address No. 1 Broadway, New York. Let's get the folders and ask Daddy to really take us on one of the trips so we can see all these wonderful sights ourselves!"

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OUR BOOK FRIENDS

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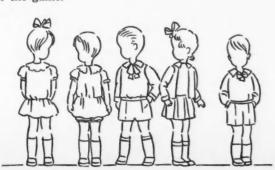
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This game can also be played in another way. The leader names a certain letter, and everyone in naming his gift uses that letter to begin his word, until another letter is named. As in the foregoing game, those failing to do this, drop out; and the one who remains standing the longest is the winner of the game.



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OUR WORKSHOP

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the hardware store, and tack one part to the trunk box, the other to the cover.

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Figure 11 shows the completed board. It is square, and it may be a 7-inch board like that in the pattern of Figure 12, or larger, or smaller, according to what material you can get. The thick end of a grocery box will do, if it is not warped, and its surface is smooth or you can smooth it. Lacking a box, ask a carpenter for a square piece of board. He will have one in his waste pile.

When you have cut the board of the right size, and planed and sandpapered its surfaces, plane a slight bevel on the upper edges (Figure 1), or round them with sandpaper, to remove their sharpness. Then lay out the positions for the peg holes. Divide the edges of the board into equal spaces. If the board is 7 inches wide, make the spaces 1/8 inch wide; if 8 inches wide, make them 1 inch wide; if 6 inches wide, make them 3/4 inch wide. When you have divided the edges, connect the points upon opposite edges with lines ruled with ruler and pencil. The hole centers will be where the lines cross, but notice that four holes are omitted in each corner. Draw circles around the centers that are to be used. I have indicated the holes with black dots in Figure 12.

Bore the peg holes with a ¼-inch bit, ¼ inch deep. Use a match stick to measure by, so that you will get them of equal depth. Start the holes with the point of a nail, so that it will be easy to place the point of the bit at the centers. If you have no bit or drill, make small holes by driving a nail into the board at each point, then withdrawing it

Cut pegs from a dowel-stick (Figure 13) for the ¼-inch holes. Buy a dowel-stick to fit the holes at a hardware store. Saw it into pegs 1 inch long, whittle or file the peg ends round, as shown, and sandpaper them smooth. Or, if you have made nail holes, instead of boring holes, make pegs of match sticks. There are thirty-three holes, but cut several extra pegs, to replace lost ones.

Finish the solitaire board and pegs with lacquer. Lacquer will be better than enamel, because it will not clog the holes.

This is the puzzle to work on the solitaire board. Stick the pegs into all of the holes but one, then jump one peg over another, crosswise or lengthwise of the board, and remove each peg jumped over, until all of the pegs but one have been removed. To make the solution clear, I have numbered the holes on the diagram of Figure 12. Stick the pegs

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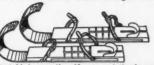


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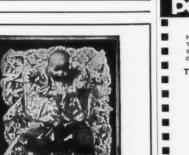


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A KNIGHT CAME FLYING

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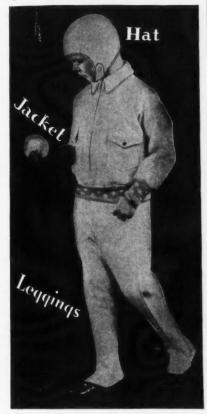
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CHRISTMAS IN CAROL AND SONG

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You won't be caroling alone, for a multitude of Americans will soon be singing such famous carols as "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," "The First Nowell," "Silent Night" "I Saw Three Ships Come sailing In" and many other Christmas folk-songs. And there will be thousands of American boys and girls who will go to homes where sickness and loneliness may be, as well as to the houses of health and wealth, and standing outside on the lawn, they will sing, "O, Come All Ye Faithful," "Good Christian Men, Rejoice," "Good King Wenceslas" and other carols.

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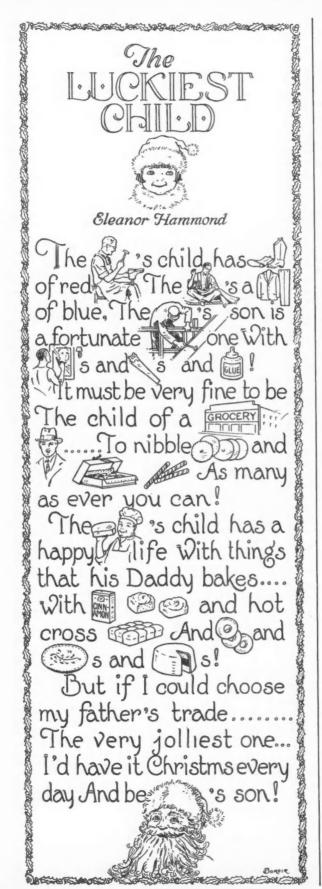


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OUR WORKSHOP

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in all of the holes except Number 1. Then jump in this order: 9 to 1; 7 to 9; 10 to 8; 21 to 7; 7 to 9; 22 to 8; 8 to 10; 6 to 4; 1 to 9; 18 to 6; 3 to 11; 20 to 18; 18 to 6; 30 to 18; 27 to 25; 24 to 26; 28 to 30; 33 to 25; 18 to 30; 31 to 33; 33 to 25; 26 to 24; 16 to 18; 23 to 25; 25 to 11; 6 to 18; 13 to 11; 18 to 6; 9 to 11; 11 to 3; 3 to 1.

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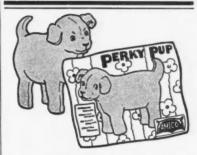
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came in for his share of fame and had his picture published along with his master's.

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WHEN JENNY LIND SANG TO HER CAT

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"Jenny, the bird is yours if you will hang him well out of reach of your cat; so play with him now while I talk to your mother. Do not sing, for then I cannot make plans or do anything but listen."

There is no need to tell about the battle. It was natural that the mother and grandmother had doubts of a great rushing world they knew nothing of, nor could they knew nothing of, nor could they know that Jenny had such a strong fine nature that she would be able to mingle with the world and influence it and help it. It wasn't an absolute victory but none the less it was a victory, for Mademoiselle Lundberg succeeded in making them promise to have Jenny trained by a leading singing master.

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LIGHTING THE TREE

BY CLARA FAHRENBACH

(See next page)

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Before we begin to play, let us look at this tree. It is festooned with tinsel and bedecked with candles, two of which have double rings around them. At the top is a huge star. Let us put a finger on the candle marked one (1), start and trace our tinsel path from one candle to another, so we can see all the different moves.

The object of the game is to travel from one candle to another until all the candles are lighted. We start at the candle marked one on the right-hand side and move along the tinsel path until we reach the large star. Any number of children may play.

A large button, which is used as a counter and a small button or different colored pieces of cardboard for each player, to be used as men, and the lid of a small box are all that are needed to play the game. Colored threads are sewed at the center of the small buttons to tell one person's man from another.

If the counter falls wrong side up into the box cover into which it is tossed, it counts for one move on the game board. If it falls right side up, it counts for two moves. To enter the game the counter must be tossed right side up.

Every ornament and every candle on the tinsel line is a move. The ornaments that are not on the line do not count. The candles that have a double line around the light must be visited twice. A player may skip ornament but not a candle. Each candle must be visited once and two of them twice.

If a player tosses two and there is no ornament between the candles, he has to wait until he tosses one, for each player has to stop at each candle. No two players may occupy the same candle at the same time. Two or more players may occupy the same ornament at the same time. If one man is on an ornament and another one comes to the same ornament, the first man must wait until the second one moves on before he can move.

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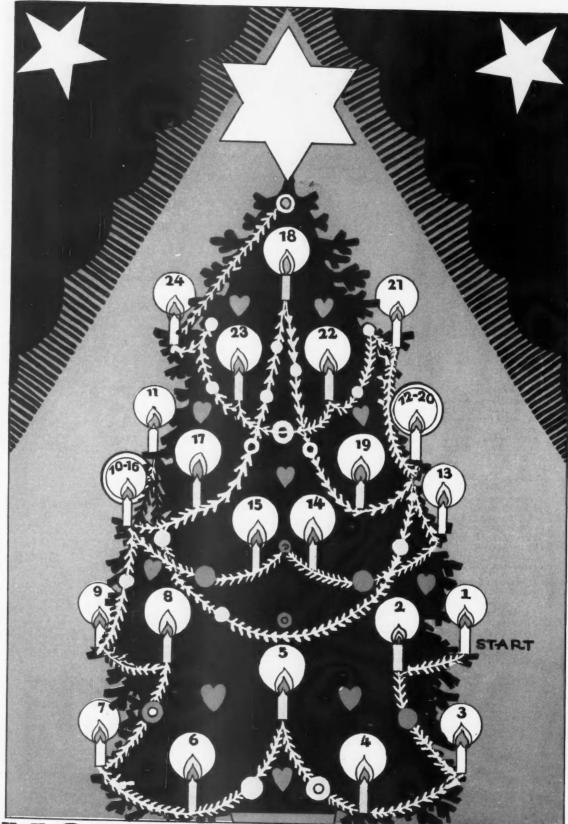
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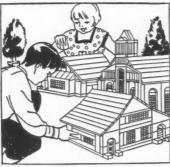


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CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS

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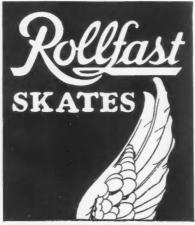
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Age 11

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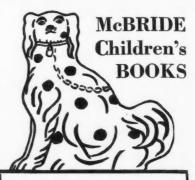
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Age 11.

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Dear Miss Waldo:

It was the first time in my life I had ever seen a snow storm. That night Daddy made a snow man. The next morning my sister, Louise, and I went outdoors and stood by the snow man.

I am sending you our picture.

Age 9

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SURPRISE FOR SANTA

When my mother was a little girl a long time

ago, Old Santa Claus came in his sled over the snow

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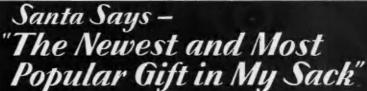
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I had a very interesting trip last summer. We went east by automobile. In the Blue Ridge Mountains we stopped to buy some gasoline and the people there had caught a black bear in the surrounding woods. We went through Baltimore and Philadelphia, but we did not stop. The first city where we stayed more than a night was at Washington, D. C. There we saw the Smithsonian Institute. We saw all of it, but best I liked the natural history building. It has dinosaurs and life size figures of Indians, Eskimos, Japanese, Africans, and Chinese. It shows their costumes and they look real. We also saw Lindbergh's plane and the first automobile and locomotive.

We saw the Washington monument, the Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol. We had a nice visit to Mt. Vernon, Washington's old home. I liked the old furniture

had a nice visit to Mt. Vernon, Washington's old home. I liked the old furniture but especially I liked the kitchen which was a separate building and there is a covered walkway from it to the other part of the house. Washington's Tomb is in the yard. It is not fancy but very colorful. We visited New York and stayed two days. We saw the Statue of Liberty, sailed across the bay, went under the Holland Tunnel, saw Grant's Tomb, Trinity church yard, and the Metropolitan Museum. Then we visited Niagara Falls and we were very glad to get home.

I like to take trips and have been in a



number of different places. I was born in the Philippines and came across the Pacific Ocean. I have been to Hawaii, China, Japan, and Canada. Also I have been through the United States from Pacific to

I have two brothers both younger than I. I am sending you a picture of my brothers and me. The one on my right is Charles; on my left is Sanford.

I have taken my magazine for two years and love it. I like the stories, especially "The Jolly Rovers," "A Patriot in Hoops," "Hiltop Castle," and "The Mystery of Miffles." I always read the Joy Givers

Yours respectfully, ANNA MARIE SINCLAIR, Webster Grove, Mo.

Dear Miss Waldo:

Age 13.

I live in Hawaii, in a district called North Kona. I am a Japanese but was

North Kona. I am a Japanese but was born here, so am an American, too.
Our chief industry here in Kona is coffee planting and raising. There are many scenic places in Hawaii, and the most beautiful one is where the lava flows.
Well, I guess I shall have to bid adieu to the members of the Joy Givers' Club and stop here.

and stop here. Farewell.

Cordially yours,

HELEN HILUME KIMURA, Box 32, Holualoa, N. Kona,



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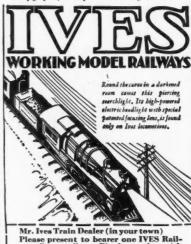
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I have a little Airedale pup And he has a big, big nose, And if you are not good to him He'll tear up all your clothes.

I had a little doggie And he was oh, so nice, He ran into my grandpa's barn And ate up all the mice.

have a great big setter, No dog could be much better, He'll go and bring my dad his shoes And he can count to ten, by twos.

I have a little puppy And he is very small,
He runs into the garden
And hides behind the wall
So when I come to look for him
I can't find him at all: For he is very small.

Age 8

BETH FISHER, Iron River, Mich.



BETH FISHER

Dear Miss Waldo:

I live out in Africa close to the cataracts in the Congo River. I like Congo very much and I love "Child Life."

Now I am going to tell about the airplane that some of my friends went in to my old home on the equator. Daddy, Mother, my home on the equator. Daddy, Mother, my little sister, my brother and myself, went to see them off. It was just lovely and exciting. Daddy let us sit in one of the airplanes. Then my friend went in another plane. As they flew they went over the jungle where the wild animals live. Then over the river they went where the hippostive the extent where the hippostive the hippostive the live, then over the native villages with the mud houses and thatched roofs.

When we were down at the flying field we saw Lady Bailey's airplane. It was a biplane. She has flown all alone all over Africa. Her airplane looks like a toy plane

Yours sincerely, FRANCES ELIZABETH ROSS, Care Conseil Protestant de Congo, Leopoldville, Congo Belge, West Central Africa. Age 10.

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I would like to be a tree With branches reaching to the sky, To listen to the birds singing And watch the clouds go drifting by.

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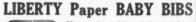
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Notice to Joy Givers

CONTRIBUTIONS intended for the Joy Givers' department of the March issue of "Child Life" will be received in this office up to and not later than December 30. Stories from 250 to 400 words in length and poems suitable for this issue are desired, as well as letters about interesting places you have visited, unusual things that you have done, pets, etc. The best of these contributions will be selected and published; but even in cases where we cannot print your stories and poems and letters because of lack of space, we are always glad to hear from you.

Dear Miss Waldo:

I live in Switzerland. We came here in October. I have five brothers. Two stayed in America—the two eldest.

My grandmother has given me my magazine for two years. I like especially the mystery stories. My brothers read my magazine as soon as they can get it.

I go to a French school. I could not speak any French when I came over here, but I am getting along all right. We have school Saturdays here. We have it in the afternoons every day except Thursday and Saturday.

We went up to the Alps for Christmas. The hired skis and skied a lot. Where we We hired skis and skied a lot. went they speak English and German.

We were near the lake of Neuchâtel. The people here use bicycles much more than people in America. They have hand brakes. The people dress just like us. All the boys wear short trousers.

Sincerely.

RUTH LITTLE 1 Rue Pourtalis, Neuchâtel, Switzerland.

Dear Miss Waldo:

Age 12.

On this Saturday, I am going to give a party to a home for crippled children. I was going to have my own party and this party, too, but Grandma said that it would be too many parties, so I am only having the crippled children's one. Mummy says that I will have just as much pleasure in seeing the crippled children enjoying themselves as I would have at a party myself.

Thank you very much for your letter. Though it is very hard to tell what I like best in "Child Life," I think I like the serial stories best. They are so exciting just at the end where it says, "It will be continued next month," and then next month it finishes the first exciting bit and goes to another. goes to another.

I am afraid I have explained it rather in a jumble but I hope you will understand what I mean.

Yours sincerely.

LOUISE HURST, 18 Lauder Road, Edinburgh, Scotland.

THE CLOUDS

Here am I, here am I, Watching the snowy white clouds go by. I softly lie upon the grass, And hear the whispering breezes pass.

CATHERINE STETA, New York, N. Y.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Grace had begged so hard that she might sleep downstairs the night before Christmas that her mother finally consented to let her do it, as Grace did so want to get a glimpse of Santa Claus. About twelve o'clock that night Grace awoke, and what do you think

The room was very bright and among many little gnomes stood Santa Claus very busy filling up Grace's stocking. "Oh!" she exclaimed very softly. "I must be dreaming.'

But she looked again and even pinched herself to make sure she was awake. It was really Santa Claus.

When she recovered from her surprise

When she recovered from her surprise she remembered she must be polite, so she said, "How do you do, Santa Claus."

Santa Claus turned around very quickly, and, looking at Grace through his broadrimmed spectacles, said, "Oh, so you are awake. Have you been a good girl and minded your mother well?"

"Yes, sir, I have tried to mind Mother and be good," the little girl answered.

"Well, I am very glad of that, because now I can leave what I brought for you."
Santa Claus went on filling her stocking. In another moment, however, he whistled

In another moment, however, he whistled and all the little gnomes disappeared up through the chimney. Santa Claus then turned to Grace and said, "I hope you have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year." With the last word he also vanished up the chimney, leaving a very sleepy but happy little girl behind him.

Grace soon dropped off to sleep and when she awoke the next morning there was her stocking just as Santa Claus had left it. When she told her mother what had hap-pened she said Grace had been dreaming, but Grace believed she had really seen Santa Claus.

Age 12

MAGDALEN BURK Indianapolis, Ind.



BARBARA ANN PEMBERTON AND HER BROTHER

Dear Miss Waldo:

I like my magazine. The page I like best is the kitchen, 'cause I like to make desserts nd cook, too. The story I liked best was The Secret of Belden Place." I have six cats and a cow. My father has and cook, too.

about fifty cattle and five colts, and about ten horses. I have a pony, too.

Sincerely yours, BARBARA ANN PEMBERTON Ipswich, S. D. Age 8

THE BROOK

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I have a fox terrier dog about nine months old, and his name is Tim. When he was When he was given to me he was so small that we named him Tiny Tim. He is full grown now, so we leave out the Tiny and only Tim

Sincerely yours,

Age 11

Doris Maloney, Honolulu, T. H.

MARSHMALLOW LAND

On the night of the marshmallow toast, On the night of the marshmallow toast, I was very excited. I hopped around on one foot exclaiming, "When are we going? Hurry up! We'll be late!" Finally we were started. Every minute seemed an hour to me. Then we arrived. To my surprise and disappointment we were the first ones there! After a wait of perhaps half an hour the company was assembled. Then came the marshmallow part. "Yumgood!" or "Boy, this is good!" was all that was heard for the next two hours.

That night I was rudely awakened by the queerest creature imaginable. It was made entirely of marshmallows. Its arms and legs were made of long sticks of marsh-mallow; its head was a huge lump of mallow; its head was a huge lump of marshmallow, entirely too big for its body, which was made of the same material, being oblong in shape. It was shouting "Get up! Get up! All aboard for Marshmallow Land!" I saw a funny train, which of course, was made of marshmallows. It was hardly up to my waist. The marshmallow man was telling me to hurry and get into the train. I was puzzled for a moment, then I asked him how I could get in it. "Get in, of course! Hurry up! It will soon start!" screamed the marshmallow. the marshmallow man. I followed his advice (though I don't know how I did it) and found myself in a train similar to our trains, except this train was made of marshmallows. The train gave a jerk; and at last we were started for Marshmallow Land.

We went through a long, dark tunnel. When we came out of it I saw trees of marshmallow, so of course, I knew I was in Marshmallow Land. Here all the houses, gardens, trees, food, and even people were made of that sticky substance. The train stopped at the station and I got off.

Then the little marshmallow man conducted me to the royal palace. Here the floor was stained light brown. Then I met the monarch of Marshmallow Land. He was a jolly fat man just suited to reign in that delightful land. Then I got hungry. The king must have known I was hungry because he had a table brought in, and on it were many good things to eat. I ate those, but as there was no dessert, I dug up a few pieces of the floor and ate them. This act enraged the king, so he ordered his soldiers to put me in a prison and keep me there. But I ate my way out, as the walls were marshmallow. Then the king told his soldiers to put me in a hole in the ground, which they did. hole was very deep, and I thought I'd never stop falling. At last my fall ended with a thud. Here I was at home in my own bed, with the daylight streaming through the window. After that I never wanted to visit Marshmallow Land again.

Age 11.

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Your new subscriber,

VIRGINIA WILSON, Harrisburg, Pa. Age 10.

THE MYSTERY OF THE OLD TRUNK

It was way up in the attic—the old trunk was. No one had touched it for years. But the trunk had seen better days—oh, yes, indeed, and it was thinking of one of those days right now. The trunk was thinking of a time when there were merry voices all over the house, and now and then his mistress would pop up his lid to put in something more.

to put in something more. Just as she had popped it up the hundredth time and shut it something queer happened—very, very queer, the old trunk thought. This time the mistress not only shut the trunk, but locked it. Then they had taken a wonderful voyage over salt water, clear water, plain and dale.

And now here he was, the haunted trunk as people called it. The old trunk had often wondered why it was called that. Do you want to know, too? Well, this is why.

is why.

Every night the people of the house heard strange moans and cries from the attic and the trunk was the only thing up there; so of course, everybody thought they came from the trunk.

Mary Jane, the little girl that lived in the house that the old trunk was in, always said she was going up in the attic and look in the old trunk, but never had.

and look in the old trunk, but never had.

One rainy day as Mary Jane sat reading, her book fell on the floor with a boom!

Mary did not tell a soul but went right up to the attic and opened the trunk. And what do you think she saw? On the side of the trunk against the wall were a few holes. At night when the wind crept through the cracks, it made a moaning sound as it went through the holes in the old trunk. old trunk.

Age 8.

HARRIET HECK, California, Mo.

Dear Miss Waldo:

We have a nice tent but thought we We have a nice tent but thought we would make one out of some blankets. We each have a blanket made by the Indians and also a navy blanket. First, we erected four poles, in a straight line, about four feet from the fence. Then we put the blankets on these poles and the other ends were tied to the fence.

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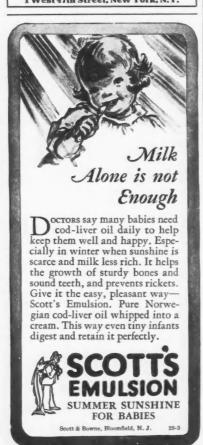
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GOOD CITIZENS' LEAGUE

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and toys and sent a box to some children in a mountain school," reported Bill.

"I did the same thing for a family of needy children right here in Brocton," said Grace.

"I chopped down little cedar trees, so that each child in the orphans' home might have one," said Russell.

"And I helped trim them," added his sister, Helen.

"I made Christmas cards and sent one to each of the old people in the retreat," said David.

"I put out feeding tables in the back yard and threw out crumbs and seeds and hung suet on the trees, so that the birds might have a Christmas," said Miriam, blushing a little. "I suppose that's not so important as what the rest of you have done, but I thought that they deserved it."

The members applauded Miriam's report as loudly as they had applauded the others.

'This has been a regular Good Citizens' Christmas," David declared fervently. "No wonder it's been more fun than usual."

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